

First blizzard in nine years hits campus

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

The first blizzard in nearly a decade hit eastern Nebraska last Thursday, shutting down the UNO campus and stranding motorists, travelers and residents alike.

The storm was part of a system stretching all the way to the Gulf of Mexico that generated snow, thunderstorms and even tornadoes, which killed several people across Missouri, Alabama and Georgia.

In Omaha the storm brought blizzard conditions, defined as wind speeds in excess of 35 mph with falling or blowing snow resulting in near-zero visibility, for the first time since March 1998. Snowfall reached nearly 13 inches in some parts of eastern Nebraska, with the Associated Press reporting that 12.8 inches had fallen in Girls and Boys Town.

The storm shut down most of the city, including area school districts, major shopping centers and even Metro Area Transit bus services.

UNO joined both UNMC and UNL in closing. The decision was made through cooperation among UNO, Creighton University and Metropolitan Community College, said John Amend, director of facilities management and planning at UNO.

"We started early [Wednesday] evening to track what was happening," Amend said. "The other day we knew [the storm] would happen during regular business hours."

Amend said UNO officials monitored the storm's progress throughout the night, and by 3 a.m. Thursday morning they had contacted officials from Creighton and Metro. Around 4 a.m., Amend said he contacted Interim Chancellor John Christensen, but at that time the storm had yet to materialize.

Creighton then called UNO officials back, and the decision to close the university came sometime between 5:30 a.m. and 5:50 a.m., Amend said. A calling tree was then used to notify key staff, including Interim Director



photo by Patrick Doty

Snow still covered much of the campus on Saturday, especially in the parking lots surrounding the dormitories on South Campus. Nearly 13 inches of snow fell on parts of eastern Nebraska during Thursday's blizzard.

of Communications Tim Kaldahl, who said he received word before 6 a.m. and promptly notified Omaha media outlets of the cancellation.

"It's a balancing act," Amend said. "We try to get [announcements] out as early as we can."

UNO then spent the next few days digging itself out from the storm, with crews working through the weekend to clear both the initial snowfall and the drifts resulting from prolonged windy conditions.

"We're still in the middle of snow removal," Amend said Friday afternoon. "We try to stagger the crews as much as possible, because 12-hour shifts get long."

Amend said he had two crews working on snow removal, along with additional manpower from CYC Construction Inc., who focus primarily on the streets, the top of the parking structure and campus parking lots. Sidewalks and smaller areas are then cleared by

university staff.

The managers of the campus residence halls are responsible for clearing snow on the sidewalks on their property. Elmwood Park is cleared by city workers, although Amend said his staff "pick up the sidewalks as they come up on campus" as well as help clear the sidewalks along Dodge Street.

Cancellations of several university-related events also followed the announcement of Thursday's snow day, including that evening's Student Senate meeting and Saturday's Annual Rites of Spring event sponsored by the Program for Women and Successful Aging.

The PWSA event was rescheduled for March 10 at Duschene Academy. President/Regent Alexander Williams said student government would hold an

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Conservative Leadership Program raises eyebrows on Lincoln campus

TAYLOR MULLER
ASST. SECTION EDITOR

Representatives from national conservative groups have been making news while visiting campuses nation-wide, including recently the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

A recent *Omaha World-Herald* article highlighted the Campus Leadership Program's actions on the UNL campus.

The Campus Leadership Program has "trained field representatives go to college campuses to identify and recruit student leaders who create and oversee organizations on each campus," according to the program's Web site, campusleadership.org. The program is a division of the Leadership

Institute, an organization that offers classes in politics focused for conservative leaders.

Some of the reported tactics of the Campus Leadership Program "have raised eyebrows around campus," said UNL Student President/Regent Matt Schaefer.

The article listed some of the projects sponsored by the Campus Leadership Program, including an illegal immigration tag and Operation Red Star.

Operation Red Star was described as a project where students were encouraged to mark suspected communist or Marxist professor's doors with red stars.

Schaefer said many of the groups listed in the *Omaha World-Herald* article were only

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Yellow Dog University teaches the art of campaigning to Democrats

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ASST. SECTION EDITOR

With pre-election year buzz already in the air, the UNO College Democrats are running their second Yellow Dog University, a one-day campaign-training program.

The program is in conjunction with a regional meeting of the Young Democrats of America. Founded last year, the program aims to "make people more effective and efficient at running campaigns," said Cody Farrens, president of the College Democrats.

"We try to target it to young people, [so it's] not a day full of lectures," said Farrens.

Yellow Dog University runs on March 31 with workshops on how to fundraise, set up Web sites, coordinate volunteers and more. Farrens said the name was derived from the phrase, "yellow dog Democrats," which refers to Democrats who would rather vote for a yellow dog than a Republican.

This year's program will build off the success of last year, said Farrens. With the attendance estimated at more than 90, there are people lining up for a second go.

"If you're better trained, better equipped, you're better for campaigns," said Farrens. "We try to make young people a more powerful tool in politics."

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Discussion about identity and race held March 8

"What Omaha Do You Live In? Talking Openly About Identity and Race" promises to be an honest dialogue about racial identity. It is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, at 2:30 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center.

This event is hosted by the Difficult Dialogues Project, funded by a grant from the Ford Foundation and run by a diverse group at UNO that includes 20 faculty, 10 staff and three administrators. The presentation will include an opening presentation, followed by smaller, guided group discussions.

"We're hoping to get 200 people to talk honestly about identity and race in our city," said Shereen Bingham, UNO professor of communication.

Study abroad opportunities announced
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Location: Graz, Austria

Deadline: TBD

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Location: Mikkeli, Finland

Deadline: March 26

LPGA legend Nancy Lopez hosts clinic today

This is the 22nd year the Diet Pepsi Women's Walk, an annual event that has raised money for scholarships for female student-athletes. The walk has distributed almost \$3 million since its creation.

This year's walk will be held today, March 6, at the Doubletree Hotel. The guest speaker will be Nancy Lopez, who won 48 tournaments during her career in the Ladies Professional Golf Association.

Lopez will speak at a luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m., and will conduct a clinic at the Chili Greens Dome at 3:30 p.m.

Reservations for this event can be made by calling 554-2533. The luncheon costs \$55 a person or \$500 for a table of 10 people. The clinic costs \$25 per person.

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What did you do on the snow day?

Alex Smith, freshman, management information systems

"My dad's car got stuck, so he left it at the top of the street by my house. At around midnight we went to it and we tried to shovel it out and tried to drive it back to our house. We didn't make it. We decided to stop and just went up and got it in the morning."



Heather Wessling, junior, vocal performance

"My friend and I got in his truck and helped pull people out of the snow and get people unstuck on Saddlecreek. Then we got a pizza and rented a movie and barricaded ourselves in the house."



Meredith Lime, senior, music education

"I'm pregnant, so I sat around all day while my husband shoveled everything imaginable and tried to get to the grocery store. He got there at 5:02 [p.m.] and they closed at 5 [p.m.], so he just went to the gas station and got a few things."



Nancy Jimenez, graduate student, economics

"I studied and removed all the snow from my car because it was buried under snow, like up to my knees. I just had to drive a little, but [Friday] it was tough."



Kevin Smith, senior, music education

"I actually had to go into work because I thought we were supposed to have a meeting, and everyone at work showed up, but our boss was late. When he came in he said, 'Well I didn't think anyone would actually show up for the meeting.' Then I went and helped a friend get out of the snow. But she lost her keys in the snow so we couldn't get back in her apartment, so we had to break in."



Midterms meet sleep awareness week

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NEWS EDITOR

With spring break fast approaching and midterms already upon many students, it's easy to forget about your body's basic needs, including a good night's sleep.

That's one reason why this week is set aside as National Sleep Awareness Week by the National Sleep Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded in 1990 to support sleep-related education, research and advocacy, according to its Web site, sleepfoundation.org.

This year's sleep week comes during the build-up to Daylight Savings Time, which begins earlier than usual this year at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 11, and ends on Nov. 7.

Daylight Savings Time was extended by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which amended the previous process that set clocks ahead on the first Sunday of April and set them back the last Sunday of October. The new law has daylight time begin on the second Sunday of March and ending the first Sunday of November.

William Baumann, co-director of the UNMC Sleep Center, said it's easy to blame sleepiness on the time change, but often the problem has deeper roots.

"Many people aren't getting the sleep they need on a regular basis. It's not just a 'once' or 'twice a year' problem," he said in a statement.

Baumann said some of the most common mistakes begin in the bedroom.

"Keep the bedroom quiet, cool, comfortable and restful," he said. "The bedroom should be a good sleep

environment, not a place to multitask."

Baumann also recommends making sleep part of your overall plan for healthiness.

"We all lead such busy lives it can be a challenge to fit in everything we need to do in a given day," he said. "Sleep needs to be a necessity rather than a luxury."

Baumann and the UNMC Sleep Center offer these tips for getting a more restful night year-round:

- Don't eat a big meal or plan a fitness workout within four hours of bedtime.
- Don't rely on sleep aids as a permanent solution – most are made for only short-term use and could contribute to sleep disturbances if taken for too long.
- Do consider a small snack before going to bed – foods like yogurt, a banana or a warm cup of milk can help induce sleepiness.
- Do exercise during the day – at least 30 minutes of exercise several times per week can be beneficial to overall physical wellbeing.
- Do keep a consistent sleep routine (similar bedtime and wake-up), even on weekends.
- Do seek medical attention if sleep disturbances become more serious and disrupt daily life – this could be a sign of a more serious health problem.



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Architectural engineering student David Peterson catches some zzz's in the student center before going to work.



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Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

The CAO maintains the Student Government office in every aspect, chairs the Inter Agency Council and Executive Council, appoints students to the four Student Government Agencies and proposes the Student Government annual budget. The CAO must attend a meeting every Thursday at 7 p.m. and complete five office hours a week.

Executive Treasurer

The Executive Treasure maintains the revenues and expenses of the entire University Student Government, chairs the Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC) and provides reports to the Senate and Executive Council when necessary. The Executive Treasurer must attend a meeting every Thursday at 7 p.m. and complete five office hours a week.

American Multicultural Students Director

The American Multicultural Students Agency provides support, assistance and guidance to multicultural students attending UNO by providing programs and events designed to increase awareness about various cultures. Speakers, forums and photographic exhibits are just a few of the programs coordinated though AMS.

International Student Services Director

The International Student Services Agency works with international students to foster a smooth transition in to a new environment. Members if the ISS board promote international cultural exchange and awareness on campus through a variety of programs. ISS also sponsors an annual Cultural Festival and International Student Banquet.

Network for disAbled Students Director

The primary mission of the Network for disAbled Students Agency is to provide services at UNO to students with disabilities. These services include a library of multimedia materials for research and educational usage as well as specialized equipment. NDS is an advocate and referral service regarding disability issues and also provides programs that promote awareness about the diverse issues concerning those who are disAbled.

Woman's Resource Center Director

The Women's Resource Center offers a wide variety of gender and sexual orientation-centered services and programs. The center sponsors special events and programs and houses a library of books, periodicals and publications on a broad range of issues. WRC is also a referral agent for counseling agencies, childcare, and community groups concerned with gender and sexual orientation-centered specific topics.

Deadline is March 29 for all positions except LPR.



Applications are available on the Student Government website at <http://sguno.unomaha.edu> and in our office located on the 1st floor of the Milo Bail Student Center. Please stop by or call 554-2620 with any questions.

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Jason Moslander, secretary and chaplain of Beta Upsilon Chi fraternity, sings along with other members during a fraternity meeting held on Jan. 28.

Christian fraternity wins big in discrimination debate at Mizzou

TIM TOWNSEND
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(MCT)

COLUMBIA, Mo. — On a recent Sunday night, the brothers of Beta Upsilon Chi were sizing up a new pledge class. It was the end of rush week, when University of Missouri students interested in greek life shop for a fraternity or sorority.

Andrew Guthrie, president of Beta Upsilon Chi, or BYX (pronounced "bucks" by the brothers,) stood in the sanctuary of the university's A.P. Green Chapel. He faced his fraternity brothers and a handful of young men who, if chosen, would become the next BYX pledges.

"God, thank you for tonight," prayed Guthrie. "Thank you for getting us through another couple weeks of school. We pray for the next pledge class, that you will guide them here."

Fraternities are exclusive organizations. There are fraternities for athletes, for Latinos, for agriculture students. But the 14 brothers of BYX are not so picky. Pledges can come from any racial, ethnic or socio-economic background. They can be good at sports or video games. They can major in English or plant sciences or finance. BYX has just one condition for membership.

"If they show us they have a relationship with Jesus Christ, that's really the only requirement we have," said BYX brother Miles Steele.

But it was that single requirement that prompted university officials to demand that BYX, which stands for Brothers Under Christ, adhere to the school's nondiscrimination policy in December. Two weeks later the university backed down, allowing that the fraternity brothers' constitutional rights of free association, as laid out in the First Amendment, trumped the university's nondiscrimination policy.

The case exemplifies the difficult road some religious fraternities and sororities travel on public university campuses where there are church-state issues involving funding and facilities access. It pits two fundamental constitutional principles — the right to free exercise of religion and the prohibition on the state establishing religion — against one another.

Should a student group that only grants membership to a particular stream of one religion be able to claim it is being discriminated against because it discriminates?

The first Christian fraternities, which sprang up in the 1920s and 1930s from West Virginia to Nebraska to California, were largely Methodist. But the growing presence of evangelical Christians on secular college campuses in the 1980s led, naturally, to a growth in evangelical fraternities.

The first BYX chapter was founded at the University of Texas in Austin

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Young people can play a really important role in politics."

But the UNO College Republicans aren't sitting around twiddling their thumbs, either.

Interim President Ryan Maher said the group had recently sent seven members to the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, D.C.

"It's the worlds largest gathering of young conservatives," said Maher. Speakers at the conference included Dick Cheney, Bill O'Reilly, Tom DeLay and many more.

Maher said the conference was a great opportunity to meet lots of like-minded individuals.

The College Republicans haven't had a conservative version of Yellow Dog University, said Maher, but that interested Republicans are able to get campaign experience through the community.

"We also get together with the Young

Republicans [and the] Douglas County Republican Party," said Maher. "Through them, I got an invitation to intern with Lee Terry."

Farrens and Maher agreed that Nebraska is conservative in general. "But UNO would be more liberal than the state in general," said Farrens.

But with slightly more than 10 percent of UNO's student body participating in the last student government elections, apathy towards politics may play a part.

"I think it's unfortunate that people don't pay more attention than they do," said Farrens. "There are a lot less apathetic people in the real world because they're more able to feel the consequences of who they vote for. The earlier you get politically savvy, the better prepared you are."

Yellow Dog University will be held in the Milo Bail Student Center and costs \$20. The program runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

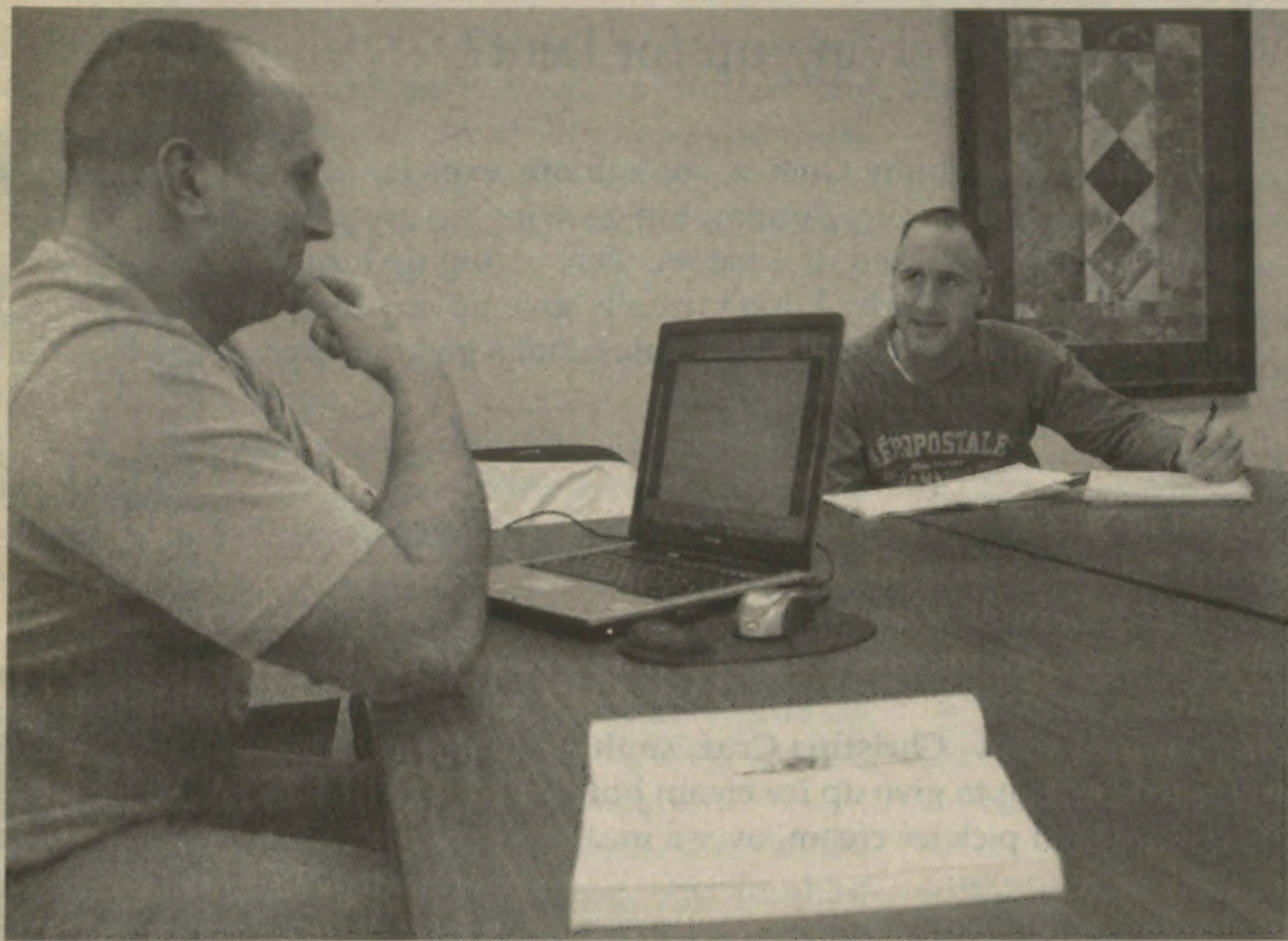


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Students Jessie London, left, and Andrew O'Grady make plans for the future of Pen and Sword. The group, which formed in the 1950s, helps support military members at UNO.

Students attempt to re-form Pen and Sword organization to support troops

COLLEEN O'DOHERTY
STAFF WRITER

There are groups for a whole variety of interests at UNO. From fencing, politics and poetry reading to intramural sports, radio DJing and greek life, UNO has it all. But until recently, it lacked a group to help and support many members of the U.S. Armed Forces who attend UNO.

Jessie London, a member of the Army, is trying to change that by re-forming the Pen and Sword organization at UNO.

London said Pen and Sword started as an academic group for military members in the 1950s, and eventually faded in the 1990s. So in 2005, London and a five or six others got the group going again.

Shortly after, London was deployed to Iraq, and when he returned home the club no longer existed.

"Those five or six people had either gone to Iraq, graduated or quit school," London said. "I didn't really

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Group to host discussion about racism

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STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, March 8, students are encouraged to bring an artifact that represents their racial experience in Omaha. The artifacts will be stored in a time capsule to be re-examined by students of the future.

The time capsule is part of a planned discussion organized by the UNO Difficult Dialogues Project. The discussion, "What Omaha Do You Live In? Talking Openly About Race and Identity," will take place at 2:30 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom, according to UNO What's Up.

According to a letter from Interim Vice Chancellor John Christensen, participants in the event will have an opportunity to learn about dialogue as a kind of conversation, whose purpose is to achieve speech, sensitive listening and mutual understanding. Participants will also have the opportunity to practice dialogue in small groups led by trained facilitators.

Nora Bacon, the director of the Difficult Dialogues Project, expects anywhere from 50 to 200 students to attend UNO's first Difficult Dialogue event, which was made possible by a grant from the Ford Foundation.

The goal of the event is to have people share their experiences in order to find an understanding, change personal attitudes and become more open-minded. Bacon said she hopes people will listen to each other sensitively and understand that differences

are not because people are malicious but because they have different experiences.

Bacon said many faculty members would like to discuss controversial topics in the classroom but need more experience in order to have confidence in handling such debating. She said she feels Difficult Dialogue exercises will help build effective communication skills and eventually bring about positive ideas capable of changing race relations in Omaha.

"I feel we are too prideful to talk about race," said senior Chris Basford, when asked about the status of racism at UNO.



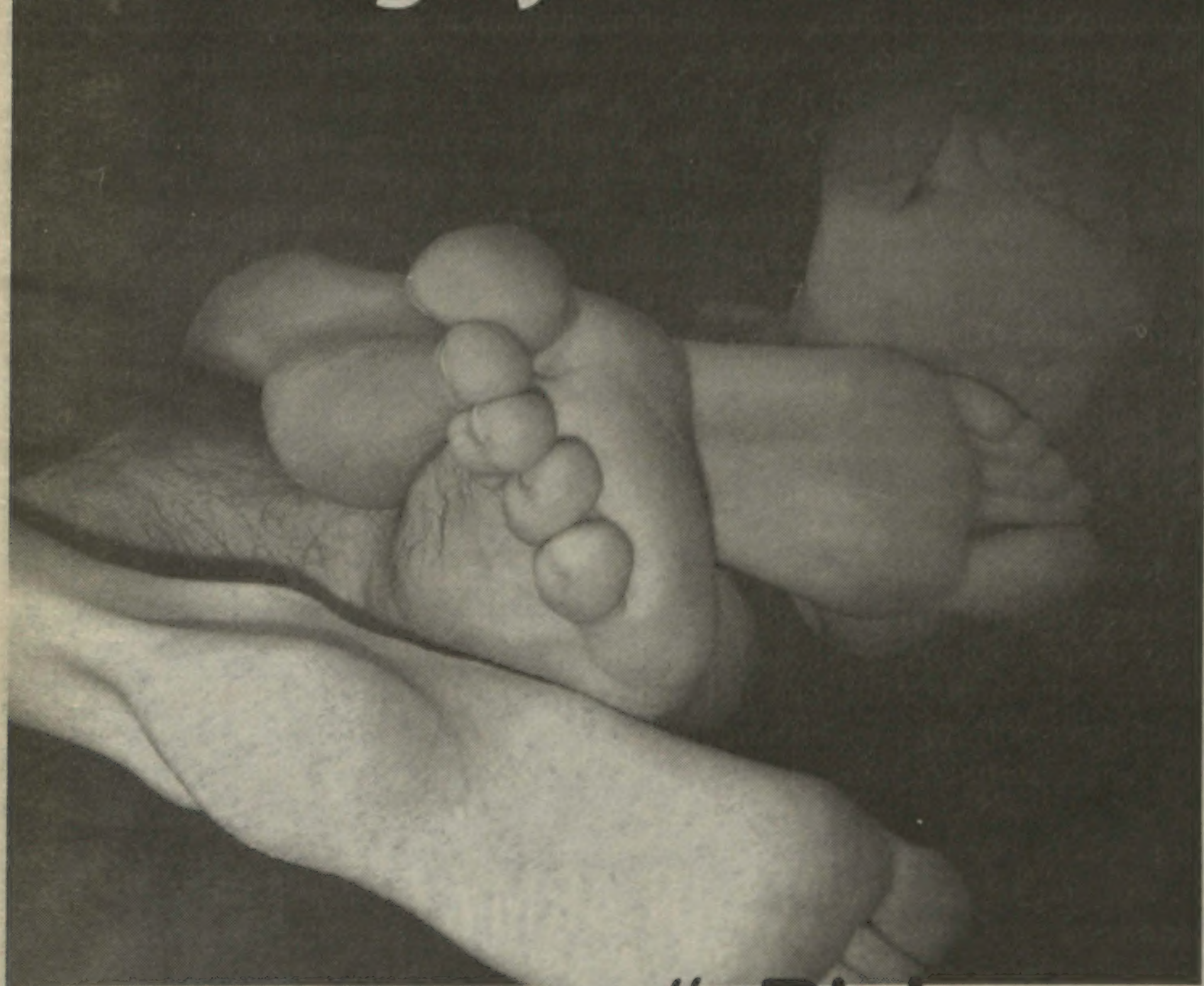
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The UNO Difficult Dialogues Project is hosting a discussion about racism in Omaha on Thursday, March 8 in the MBSC ballroom.

"When you walk into a classroom here you notice that students of similar culture only seem comfortable speaking to each other."

Bacon encourages students to register online prior to the event at difficultdialogues@unomaha.edu. Walk-ins are also welcome. For more information call 554-4857.

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STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, Catholics were called upon to celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday and the distribution of ashes at mass.

During Lenten season, Catholics are in preparation for Holy Week, a week that recalls the events leading up to and during Christ's crucifixion. Catholics also recall the temptation story in which Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights while wandering through the wilderness. According to the Bible, Jesus was tempted by the devil during his fast, and was questioned whether he was truly the son of God.

Those who practice the Catholic faith are also called to undergo a journey of their own, lasting for 40 days and 40 nights, to signify Jesus' tempting journey. This journey is referred to as Lent.

Catholic teachings state that Lent is a solemn time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Catholics act upon this by refraining from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday leading up to Good Friday on April 6. In addition, some choose to abstain from a simplistic, material good or a favorite hobby.

The Gateway spoke with UNO students to see what they were giving up for the Lent.



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What are you giving up for Lent?

Johnny Gomez, sophomore, exercise science

"I go to church every Sunday, but growing up my parents never really asked us what we were giving up for Lent. That's probably why I don't usually give up anything for Lent. I believe and I think that's good enough."



Sarah Norris, freshman, pre-med

"I am going to cut down on the desserts in Scott Hall."



Christina Cruz, sophomore, pre-pharmacy

"I am going to give up ice cream but it's going to be really tough. I'd pick ice cream, over a meal any day. That's how much I love it."



Adam Hamilton, UNO alumnus

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Director of financial aid makes a difference in the world, one student at a time

COLLEEN O'DOHERTY
STAFF WRITER

Firefighter, lawyer, surgeon, astronaut, politician. These are just a sampling of the professions that come to mind when people think of jobs that will make a difference in the world.

Many may initially scoff at the idea of adding "financial aid person" to this list. But they might want to reconsider.

Just ask Randy Sell, UNO's director of financial aid and scholarships.

Sell, who has worked at UNO for 23 years, said his job is to ensure his office delivers financial assistance as efficiently and equitably as possible to students.

"Financial aid gets in your blood," Sell said, "because you do feel like the work you do ... is helping students stay in school. And if they can stay in school and graduate, their lives will be better, for the most part, by having the education."

Sell grew up in Glenwood, Iowa, and is the oldest of three children. Growing up, he had supportive parents who helped shape his strong work ethic.

"I've come up with a motto that has to do with striving for excellence, not perfection; you should try to do the best you can, no matter what it is," Sell said.

That attitude helped him throughout college, and he became the first in his family to receive a college degree.

"I think that helps me identify with some of the issues [first generation college students] face," he said.

College wasn't the only challenge Sell faced. On his 21st birthday, he received a draft notice.

"Getting that notice on the same day [as my birthday] is seared in my mind," he said.

Sell did not have to serve in Vietnam, but he did have to serve in the Army for two-and-a-half years. Although getting drafted postponed college, he graduated from UNO in 1975.

After finishing with the Army and college, Sell ended up at Burlington Northern Railroad company. He eventually decided he wanted a career change, and became a manager of student accounts at UNO. After eight years, he switched to working in financial aid and welcomed the change.

"I felt it [would] be nicer that instead of trying to get money from people and make them pay their bills, I got to give money to people," Sell said.

He soon discovered it wasn't that simple.

"I didn't realize that not everybody thinks of me as their friend. Sometimes you have to say no to students. There's a lot more to it than just, 'Here's some money! Here you go!'" he said.

Sell said certain aspects of his job are very frustrating. He said many students don't realize they need to reapply for federal aid every year. And only about one third of students get their applications in on time for the March 1 deadline.

"The wheels do not start turning until the student does their part first," Sell said. "And so we're at the mercy of students to make sure they apply for financial aid early."

Sell acknowledges there are many problems and obstacles students face when it comes to financial aid. "It can get frustrating," he said.

And that's where the financial aid people step in.

"That's part of what we're here for, to help students. Hopefully to be advocates and not obstacles," Sell said.

Sell said he doesn't like how students have to

borrow more money now than in the past.

"That would be what I would like to switch; more grant dollars available so students wouldn't have to borrow as much," he said.

Of course, that's not to say there aren't many enjoyable elements to his job.

"There's something about working on a college campus and being involved with people who are going to school," Sell said. "The energy level, I think, is very unique. Being around college students is pretty cool."

When he's not helping students to finance their education, Sell said he stays busy with his family. He and his wife have five children together, all of whom have grown up and moved out.

"We're kind of empty-nesters," he said.

Sell said he makes time to stay educated on current events, and fills his free time with his favorite hobby: golf.

But there's no need to worry about Sell quitting his day job to pursue golfing full time. He enjoys his current work too much.

"It's very gratifying work," Sell said. "Making a difference is kind of getting to be a cliché, but [I] really do feel like that, I think."

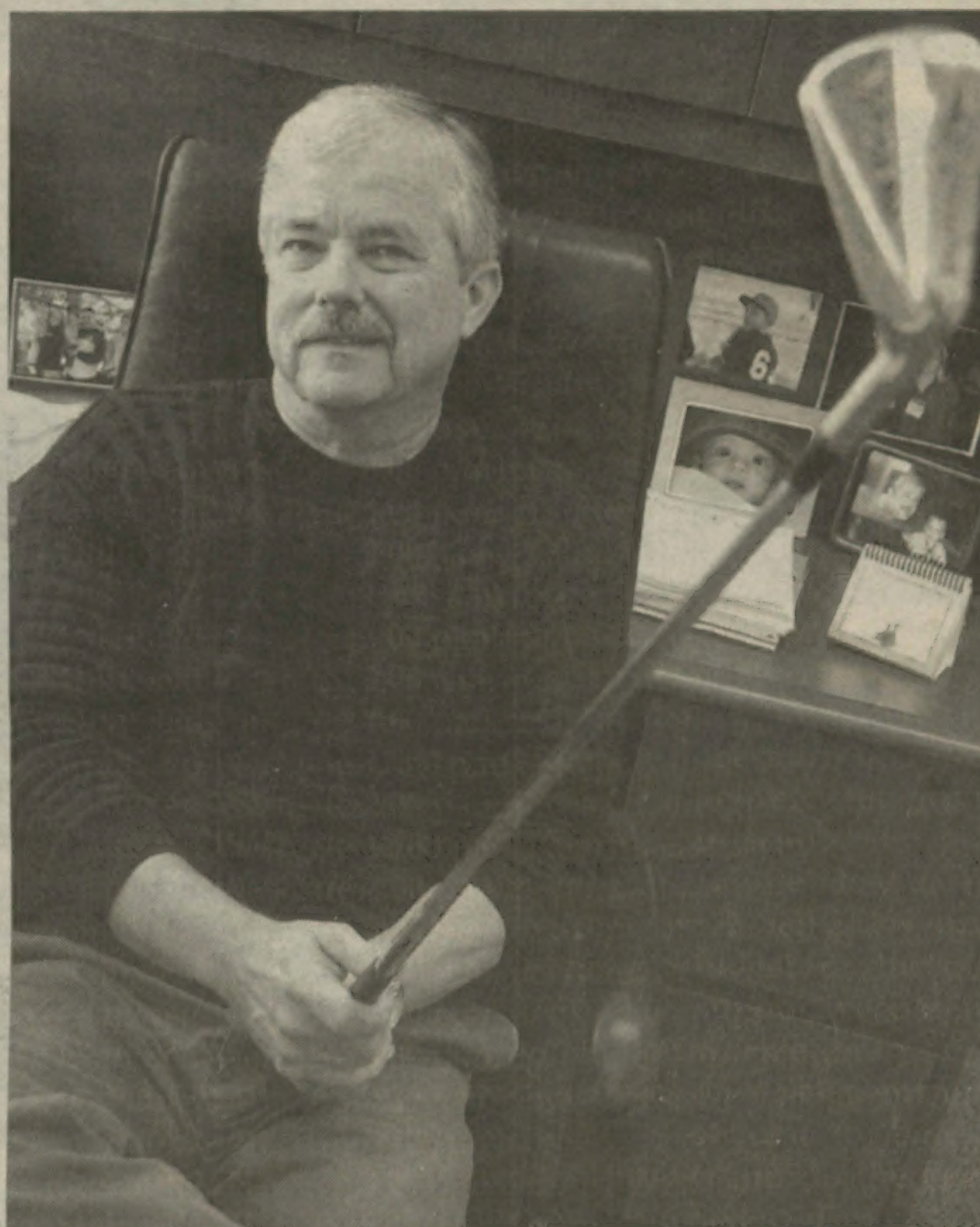


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Randy Sell, UNO's director of financial aid and scholarships, said he enjoys playing golf when he isn't helping students receive financial assistance.

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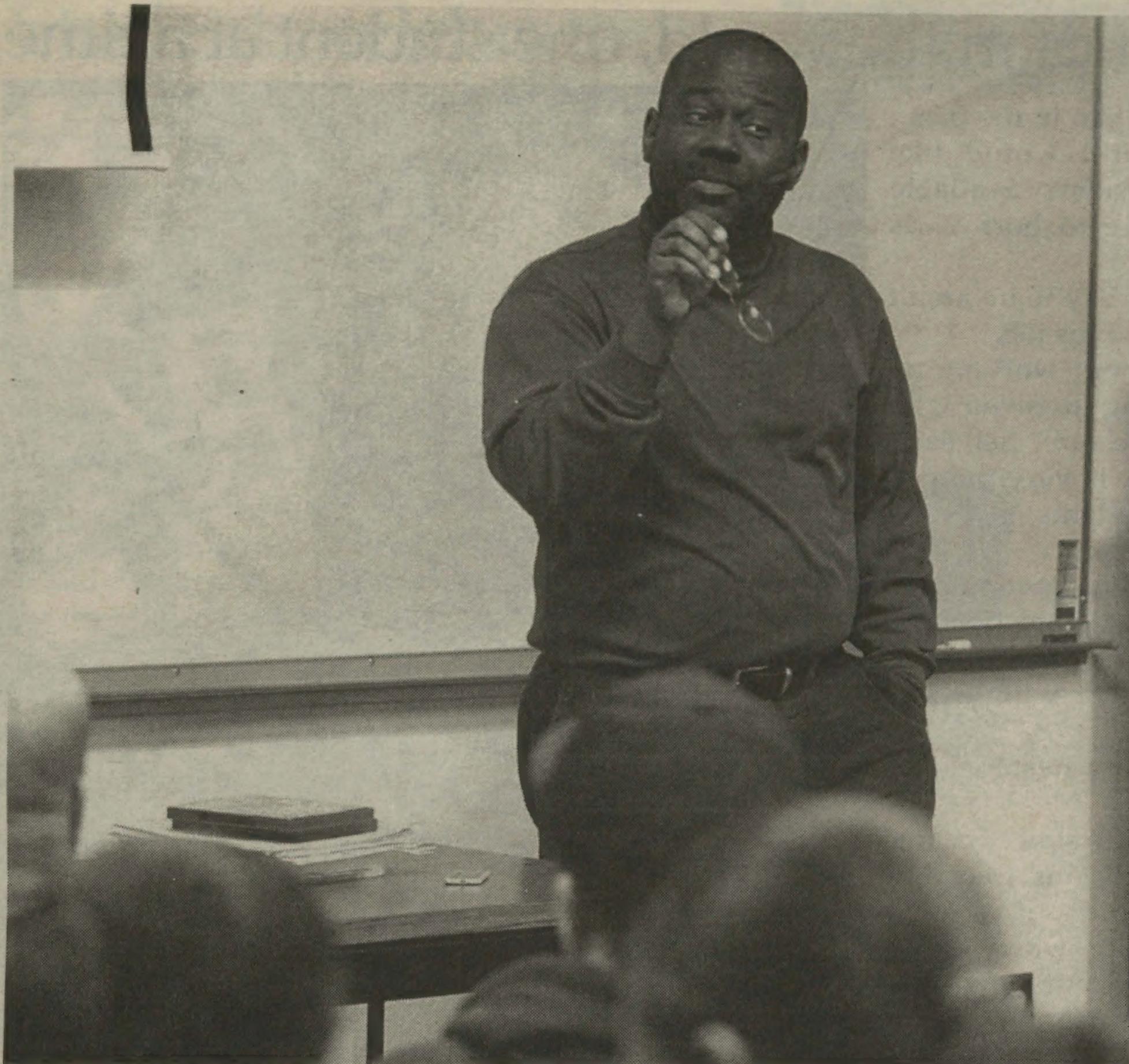


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Richard Breaux, interim chair of the black studies department, instructs BLST 3980 Hip-Hop and the Politics of Black Popular History.

New hip-hop class teaches students about black culture, music and art

STEPHENIE CONLEY
STAFF WRITER

No one denies that hip-hop has entered mainstream American culture. Radio stations frequently play songs filled with powerful rap, rhyme and rhythm, placing the music consistently in the Top 40.

What most people do not realize, however, is that hip-hop is more than just music. It is a culture; a culture with social and political roots.

Richard Breaux, a professor in UNO's black studies department, teaches a new class that explores these roots. Starting this semester, the black studies department is offering BLST 3980 Hip-Hop and the Politics of Black Popular History.

The beginnings of hip-hop can be traced to the 1970s. Breaux explained that starting with President Nixon, an emergence of conservative politics developed as a backlash against civil rights struggles. The new rights gained by poor urban blacks caused an exodus of middle class whites, blacks and other people of color. The middle classes of all colors left the inner cities and those left behind experienced cutbacks in social programs, including after-school programs and the arts.

Hip-hop was a social, political and cultural response to the deprivation experienced in urban areas. It gave voice and expression to the marginalized, disempowered and apathetic as a way to respond to what they were experiencing.

Breaux explained that hip-hop is composed of four elements: DJing, rapping, break dancing and graffiti. Each element has had various amounts of success throughout hip-hop history.

For example, graffiti artists of the '80s commented on a wide variety of topics with their art, including vandalism and nuclear war. While some people might see graffiti as destructive, Breaux disagrees.

"I really try to get students to see that this was a form of public art," he said.

Today, rap is the dominant element. Breaux said rap emerged as way to escape a culture saturated with gangs. Now it seems to have come full circle. Younger rappers that focus on "gangsterism" and misogyny often do not have a knowledge of their roots, Breaux said.

Raps about conspicuous consumption and violence tend to get radio play, which Breaux said is a reflection of larger American society. For this reason, rappers with a political message do not get the same kind of attention.

Nonetheless, Breaux emphasized that rap artists with political messages still make music. He gave Mos Def as an example. In the rap "Dollar Day," Mos Def addresses the plight of Katrina victims in New Orleans and the response of the government.

The social and political part of hip-hop is what Breaux wants his students to understand. "Hip hop culture is about much more than making music," he said.

As part of the course, students can expect to do research, write reflections and participate in discussions. They will also get to see and hear examples of hip-hop culture through documentaries while studying artists like Public Enemy, KRS-One, Mos Def and Nas.

Above all else, Breaux would like his students to think about and recognize the humanity of hip-hop.

The dirt on mineral makeup: 'Healthy beauty' is the new way to go

BY JESSICA PERALTA
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(MCT)

Natural equals good.
Synthetic equals bad.

That's the general consensus these days. As Americans become more health- and environment-conscious, their desire for natural living is driving businesses to offer less-processed products.

And the cosmetics industry is no exception. Case in point: mineral makeup.

"[Mineral makeup is] now the bandwagon that everyone's jumping on," said makeup artist Kathleen Abraham of Newport Beach, Calif. "This is a good way to protect the skin and enhance it. It doesn't feel like you're wearing makeup."

Abraham believes an increasing number of women with acne and other skin problems is helping drive demand for mineral makeup.

The Sephora Anaheim, Calif., store gets several customers a day looking for mineral makeup, said Bernadette Romero, store director. Romero said the makeup's popularity has skyrocketed over the last couple of years.

Jane Iredale's mineral cosmetics and Bare Escentuals' i.d. bareMinerals are a couple of the more well-known mineral makeups out there. But there are many others, including some established brand names that have added mineral makeup to their product lists.

While ingredients vary, most of them claim to be good for the skin because they're made from minerals and less harmful ingredients.

L'Oreal Paris' Bare Naturale mineral blush and makeup, for instance, is preservative and fragrance-free, safe for sensitive skin and contains an SPF 19, according to Rosanne Fama, vice

president of product development for L'Oreal Paris.

"It's clear there's a demand for healthy beauty, and the current trends in skincare, such as peels and microdermabrasion, have further increased the need for makeup that works on sensitive skin," Fama said.

Minerals in makeup are nothing new; they've been used for ages to add color and beauty to the face, noted Anastazia Grey Woodin, a makeup artist and esthetician at Baker Street West Salon in Costa Mesa, Calif.

She feels the most important thing is for women to make educated decisions and not view mineral makeup as a cosmetic cure-all for sensitive skin.

"Mineral makeup is good for most skin types," Woodin said. "[But] clients with acne don't necessarily like it because it doesn't provide enough coverage for them."

"On the other hand, clients with dry or aging skin love it. ... Makeup, no matter what kind, will not cover or cure all the problems of your skin."

Many mineral makeups promote their talc-free ingredients, but whether talc is harmful is still a subject of debate.

In its natural form talc, a magnesium trisilicate mineral, can contain the carcinogen asbestos, according to the American Cancer Society. However, all home-use talcum products must be asbestos-free, a legal requirement since the early 1970s.

Some studies have found a link between asbestos-free talcum powder and ovarian cancer in women who've applied talcum powder to the genital area or used genital deodorant sprays, said Jennifer Horspool, Orange County, Calif., spokeswoman for the American Cancer Society.

But overall, studies connecting cancer and talc remain inconclusive, she said.



photo illustration by Patrick Doty

Mineral makeup is the latest trend in the cosmetic industry. It is said to protect and enhance the skin better than regular makeup.

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hear anything from anybody. So I'm just trying to start it again. I put up fliers and posters and talk to people I know who are in the military here in Omaha, going to UNO."

London said he wants to get the group going again so that current and former members of the military at UNO are able to help each other out.

"When I got back [from Iraq], school was just totally different for me," London said. "It's hard to get back into it."

Andrew O'Grady, a criminal justice major,

was present at Pen and Sword's most recent meeting. O'Grady is a member of the Air Force National Guard and said he's joining the group to get involved in the university and meet other students.

"A lot of us are in the same situation," O'Grady said. "We're going to school [and] trying to work our military commitment, too."

London said there is still work to do within the club. They need to make sure officer positions are filled and get a faculty advisor.

London has plans for the future of the group, though. He said it will be like a social group, where members can help each other out with school work, share war stories and maybe even get an intramural sports team going.

"I'd like to see [us] get involved with some community stuff -- fundraisers, food drives, stuff like that -- just to kind of give back to the community," London said.

For more information about Pen and Sword, contact London at jessie.london@us.army.mil.

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Hockey team sweeps Bowling Green in first round of CCHA playoffs

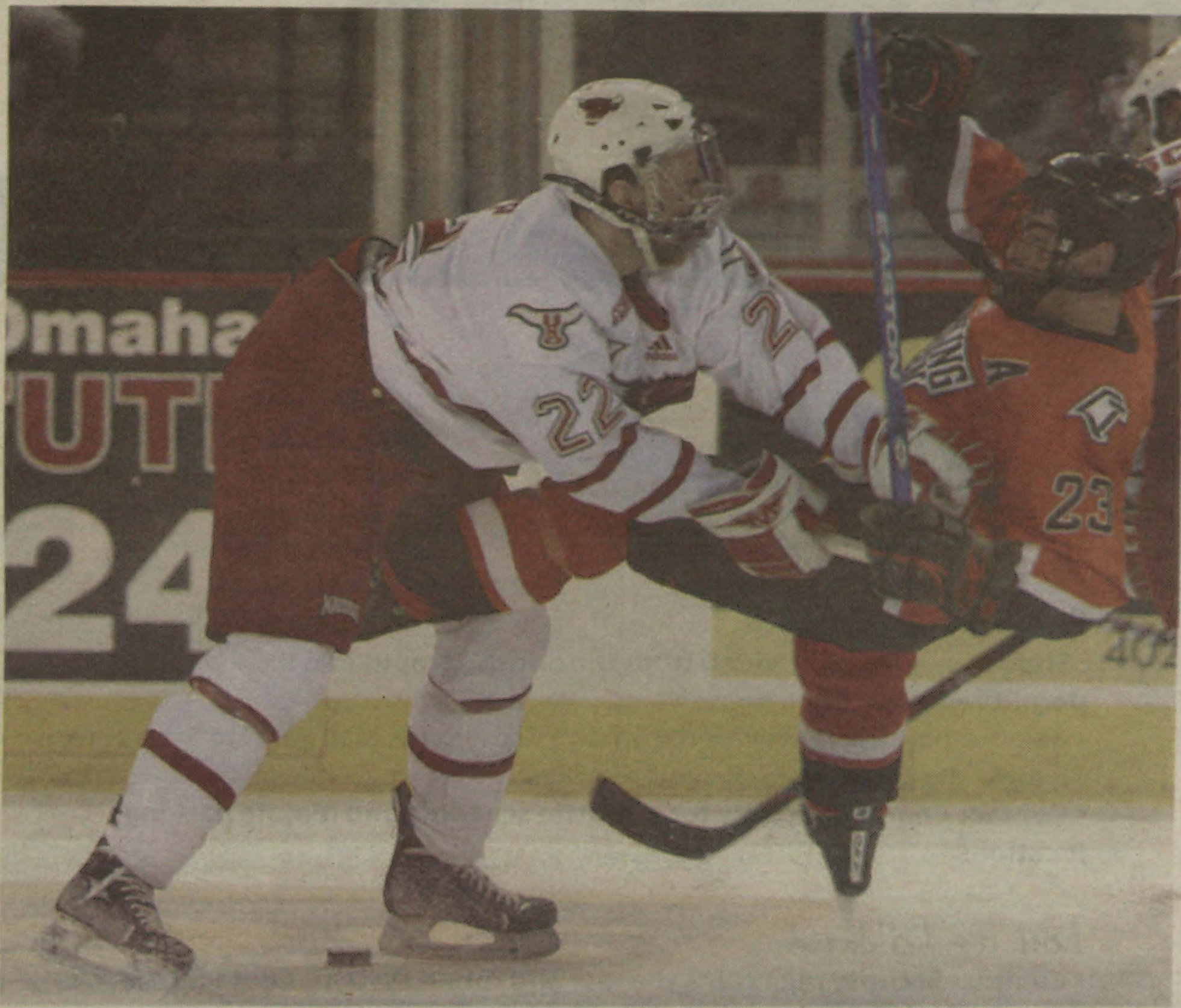


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Senior Dan Knapp sends Bowling Green's Brandon Svendsen to the ice during Friday's 3-2 overtime win in the opening round of the CCHA playoffs.

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

Both nights the Mavericks came out ready to play. And both nights they found themselves down early.

But, in the end, the UNO hockey team found an answer for upstart Bowling Green and earned themselves a much-needed break.

able to sit at home, mend up [and] have that two weeks, basically, of rest. Where we've been kicking ourselves in the butt for two weeks ... to have that day off, that's off-the-charts good."

Despite having won all four of their match-ups this season by a combined score of 20-3, the Mavericks found out very quickly that beating Bowling Green in the playoffs wasn't going to be so easy.

The fifth-seeded Mavericks topped the Falcons 3-2 Friday and 7-5 Saturday in the first round of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs at the Qwest Center to capture the best-of-three series early and forgo a nerve-wracking game three showdown.

The win means the Mavs will face No. 4 seed Michigan State, who had a first-round bye, in East Lansing, Mich., next weekend.

With five straight hard-fought wins, including a regular season ending sweep in Alaska last weekend, the team desperately needed some rest and relaxation, said Coach Mike Kemp.

"There's only so much gas in the tank this time of year. Rest is the most important element to our preparation right now," he said. "Michigan State has such an advantage, being

The Falcons struck first, tied the score late and sent the game into overtime where junior Mick Lawrence saved the Mavs with a game-winning goal 4:24 into the period.

Even with a 41-19 edge in shots on goal, UNO had to battle all night to overcome the stout Bowling Green defense and goalie Jimmy Spratt.

Spratt turned back 14 Maverick shots in the first period and teammate Derek Whitmore slid the puck through UNO goalie Jeremie Dupont's pads on a breakaway at the 11:33 mark to give BGSU a 1-0 lead.

Sophomore Dan Charleston evened the score on a second-period slapshot, though, and UNO took the lead in the third when Lawrence got his first goal of the night off a nifty behind-the-back dish from junior Bill Bagron.

The Falcons knotted it up again late in the third when James Unger flipped the puck over Dupont's outstretched leg to make the score 2-2.

Bowling Green had a chance to gain the advantage with just over a minute to play, but Dupont made a sprawling pad save on Jonathan Matsumoto's low breakaway shot to keep the Mavs in it and set up Lawrence's extra-frame heroics.

Kemp said Lawrence's two goals came as no surprise. But with Bowling Green keying on Maverick star Scott Parse, they were just what the doctor ordered.

"He's been a goal-scorer through most of his career and tonight he picked up the slack," Kemp said. "They were doing a great job on [Parse] and not giving him much room at all and so we need, when that happens, to have somebody else step up."

The Mavericks needed a lot of people to step up

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Mick Lawrence

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Tennis team crushes Kearney Lopers, squeaks by Emporia State Hornets



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Senior Maggie Russell launches a return in her doubles match Saturday night at Hanscom Park.

PATRICK DOTY
ASST. PHOTO/LINE EDITOR

The Mav tennis team returned to action in snow-filled Omaha Friday and Saturday with a pair of wins against Kearney and Emporia State after two matches were postponed earlier in the week.

Saturday's match-up against the Emporia State Hornets was a thriller down to the last swing at Hanscom Park



Rachel Faulk

Tennis Center.

In the final match of the night, with the team score tied at 4-4 and senior team captain Maggie Russell down one set and losing 2-5 in the second, the outlook seemed bleak for the Mavs.

"We were completely down and out," said Coach Bill Nichols. "It looked like one more game and the whole shebang was going to be over."

Refusing to be fazed by the deficit, Russell rallied back and won the second game 7-6. She went on to win the final game with another close score, 10-8, and secure the 5-4 win for the Mavericks.

"It was the perfect win. I couldn't have asked for it to shake down any better than it did," Nichols said. "To come out with a win after feeling like we were completely down-and-out was just a thrill."



Katie Spahn

After sophomore Rachel Faulk and Russell lost their doubles match in a tiebreaker, Faulk also rallied back to continue her stellar season. With a singles win over Hornets No. 1 Marcela Bayon, Faulk remained undefeated in singles play for the season.

The No. 3 doubles team of Amy Pierson and Katie Spahn won their match by a convincing score of 8-1, but went on to lose their respective singles matches.

"To be able to win the match against one of the best, or maybe the best, team in the region will keep our backs up and push us forward," Nichols said.

Friday's match against intra-state rival University of Nebraska at Kearney did not contain nearly the drama of Saturday's match. The Mavs did not lose a single set in the 9-0 win.

The Mavs play their second North Central Conference match on Friday against Minnesota State Mankato at 6 p.m. in the Hanscom Park Tennis Center.



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Women's basketball team ends season with semifinal loss to South Dakota



Cayla Hargrove

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

After upsetting 13th-ranked Augustana College 64-61 Wednesday in the first round of the North Central Conference tournament, the UNO women's basketball team ran into the toughest opponent of all - Mother Nature.

After she was done with them, No. 22 University of South Dakota finished off the Mavs' season with a 73-58 semifinal win Saturday night in Vermillion, S.D.

Originally slated to meet USD in Grand Forks, N.D. for their second-round match-up, the Mavericks were forced to change plans due to the blizzard that overwhelmed the upper Midwest last Thursday.

But even the shorter trip to the Dakota Dome proved troublesome.

As they were heading north, UNO's bus got stuck in a ditch near Norfolk and the team ended up having to come back to Omaha to get on another bus Saturday morning. That bus arrived late and, subsequently, the 3 p.m. game had to be rescheduled for 7 p.m.

Coach Patty Patton Shearer said the travel setbacks seemed to diminish a lot of the positive buzz the team had taken from the Augustana win.

"For whatever reason, the adversity [took] a charge out of what energy we had going," she said. "We were hoping that we would still be able to come out with some energy. But, unfortunately, we were just pretty flat."

The Mavs never led in the game, but did manage to keep the score tight through the first half. Seniors Karen Thies and Ashley Freerksen led UNO with six points apiece and provided boosts whenever it looked like the Coyotes might pull away.

Freerksen drilled a three-pointer late in the half to start a 7-0 Maverick run that cut into USD's 11-point lead and Thies iced two free throws at the end of the half to put UNO within striking distance at 29-26.

But, after the teams traded six-point runs coming out of the break, the Coyotes found their range, started bombing threes and built a double-digit lead they would never relinquish.

Thies led the Mavs in scoring with 15 points while sophomore Cayla Hargrove contributed 12 points and three steals. As a team, UNO could only manage 31.3 percent shooting from the field compared to USD's 46.3 percent for the game.

Unlike the Augustana game, where they were able to overcome a sub-par scoring night with tight defense, the Mavericks couldn't quite find an answer for the persistent Coyotes.

"A lot of our defense is predicated on making shots early and if we don't do that, our defense just doesn't click," Shearer said. "In our conference, it's a nationally-ranked team every night. You have to play well or you're not going to win."

With their season-ending loss the Mavs said goodbye to five seniors who helped Shearer in her quest to make the program more competitive.

The third-year coach lauded the efforts and leadership of Freerksen, Lacey Geitzenauer, Carlye Jones and Toni Kinsey and had especially high praise for Thies who, along with Kinsey, followed Shearer to UNO from Fort Lewis College.

"She's special," said Shearer. "She's an incredible competitor and she has a dominant, passionate drive for the game that, for me, has just been a privilege to be able to coach her for four years."



Karen Thies

Series of errors bring end to men's basketball season at St. Cloud State

JASON SIBSON
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The UNO men's basketball season came to a crashing halt Wednesday night, in the form of a first-round 63-52 knockout.

St. Cloud State ushered the Mavericks to the exit, led by junior guard David Dreas's 23 points. UNO shot just 36 percent from the floor and recorded a dismal .47 assist to turnover ratio.

"Possessions are critical and a lot of those turnovers were unforced," said Coach Derrin Hansen. "When you shoot yourself in the foot, it makes it difficult."

In addition to turnovers, poor shooting by a Maverick star hurt the team's chances.

Only a garbage time 3-ball prevented Nebraska-Omaha senior Zac Robinson, one of the most prolific scorers in school history, from recording a goose-egg in his last game as a Maverick. The team's other senior, forward Keith Price, ended his career with 10 points on 3-9 shooting. Despite the sour ending for these two men, Hansen remembered two excellent careers.

"Zac had to overcome two surgeries," Hansen said of UNO's all-time leading 3-point shooter. "He showed up for practice to go as hard as he could everyday."

Both Hansen and Price arrived before the 2005-06 season, and Price's departure marks another hole for Hansen to fill.



Keith Price

"Keith brought athleticism. He did good things for us on the defensive end and provided some easy scoring opportunities for us," said Hansen. "Those guys will be missed. But through recruiting and the development of our players, we can hopefully replace those guys."

Sophomore Michael Jenkins continued to shine, showing an uncanny ability to create his own shots. In the loss, Jenkins had another outstanding game, making 7 out of 14 shots for a team-high 20 points. The versatile slasher continued to pose match-up problems for anyone daring enough to challenge him. Due to injuries, Jenkins had actually been playing out of position for most of the season.

"[Jenkins has] been the point guard since December 1," noted Hansen. "[He] was hard to guard this year, but I think he's even better on the wing. It's a tribute to [Jenkins] how good a year he had playing out of position."

Jenkins will lead a promising cast of players next season, with support from forward Denny Johnston and center Jerry Bennett. In order to make a stronger run at the conference title next year, Hansen will spend the off-season polishing his players' skills and actively recruiting prospects.

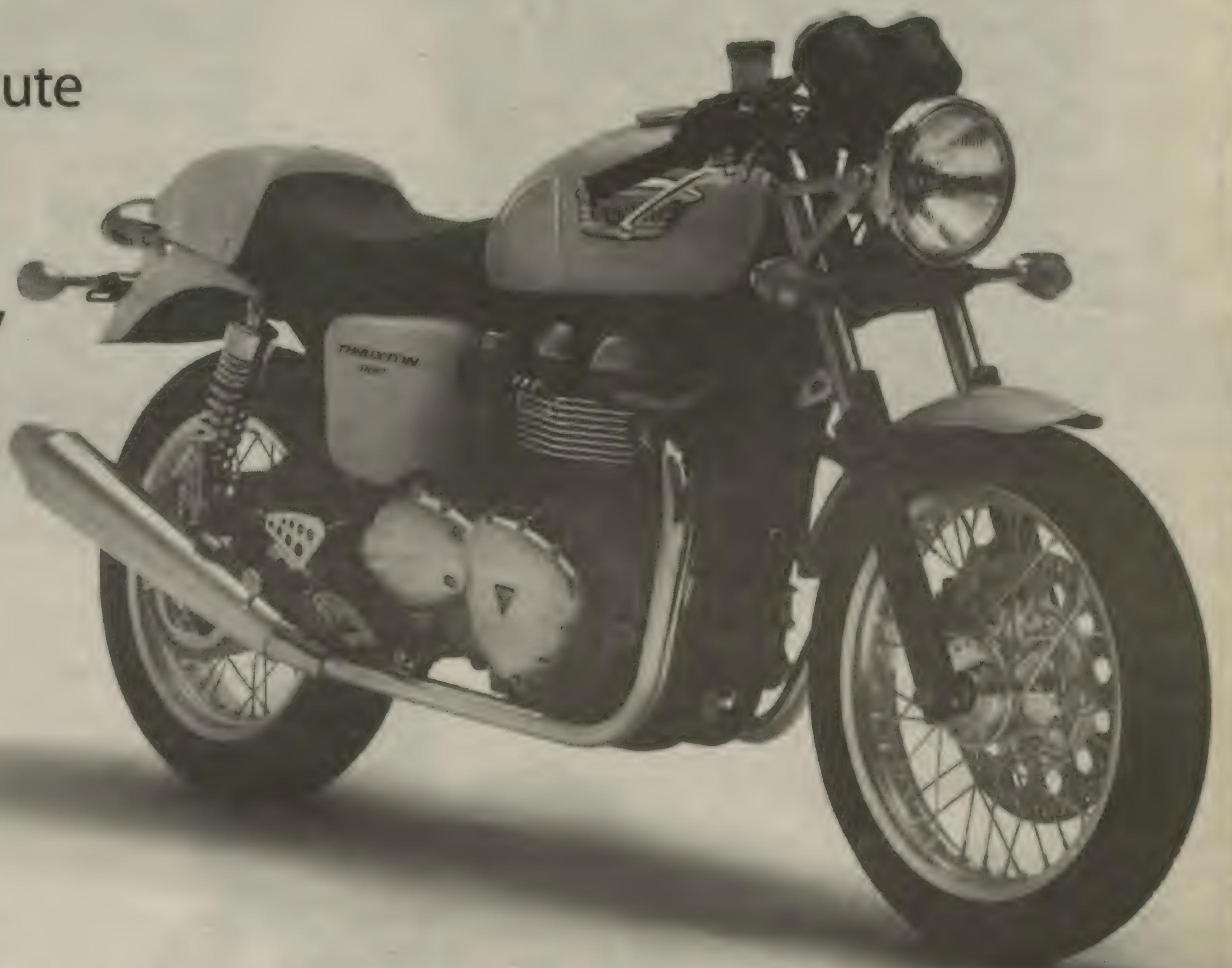
"We have to pay real attention to our skill development and get better in the weight room," said Hansen. "And we have to do a good job as a staff [recruiting] some guys to help them."



Zac Robinson

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Golf Schedule

Mon, Mar 12	Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational	Orlando, Fla.	TBA
Tue, Mar 13	Peggy Kirk Bell Invitational	Orlando, Fla.	TBA
Sun, Mar 25	Missouri Western Invitational	St. Joseph, MO	TBA
Mon, Mar 26	Missouri Western Invitational	St. Joseph, MO	TBA
Fri, Mar 30	Augustana Spring Tournament	Sioux Falls, SD	TBA
Sat, Mar 31	Augustana Spring Tournament	Sioux Falls, SD	TBA
Sun, Apr 15	Ironwood Collegiate Classic	Ironwood CC	TBA
Mon, Apr 16	Ironwood Collegiate Classic	Ironwood CC	TBA
Sat, Apr 21	Minnesota State, Mankato Inv.	Waseca, MN	TBA
Sun, Apr 22	Minnesota State, Mankato Inv.	Waseca, MN	TBA
Mon, Apr 30	NCAA II North Regional	Waterloo, IA	TBA
Tue, May 1	NCAA II North Regional	Waterloo, IA	TBA
Wed, May 2	NCAA II North Regional	Waterloo, IA	TBA
Wed, May 9	NCAA II Championships	Pensacola, FL	TBA
Thu, May 10	NCAA II Championships	Pensacola, FL	TBA
Fri, May 11	NCAA II Championships	Pensacola, FL	TBA
Sat, May 12	NCAA II Championships	Pensacola, FL	TBA

Track Schedule

Fri, Mar 9	NCAA Division II Nationals	Boston, MA	TBA
Sat, Mar 10	NCAA Division II Nationals	Boston, MA	TBA
Sat, Apr 7	Bearcat Invite	Maryville, MO	TBA
Sat, Apr 14	Concordia Invite	Seward, NE	TBA
Fri, Apr 20	Kansas Relays	Lawrence, KS	TBA
Sat, Apr 21	Kansas Relays	Lawrence, KS	TBA
Thu, Apr 26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, IA	TBA
Sat, Apr 28	Drake Relays	Des Moines, IA	TBA
Sun, Apr 29	Nebraska Open	Lincoln, NE	TBA
Mon, Apr 30	NCC Multi-Event	St. Peter, MN	TBA
Tue, May 1	NCC Multi-Event	St. Peter, MN	TBA
Sat, May 5	Nebraska Invitational	Lincoln, NE	TBA
Fri, May 11	NCC Championships	Duluth, MN	TBA
Sat, May 12	NCC Championships	Duluth, MN	TBA
Thu, May 24	NCAA Division II Championships	Charlotte, NC	TBA
Fri, May 25	NCAA Division II Championships	Charlotte, NC	TBA
Sat, May 26	NCAA Division II Championships	Charlotte, NC	TBA

Tennis Schedule

Sun, Feb 4	Nebraska Wesleyan	Hanscom Park	W 8 - 0
Fri, Feb 9	Gustavus Adolphus	St. Peter, MN	L 2 - 7
Sat, Feb 10	Winona State	St. Peter, MN	W 5 - 4
Sat, Feb 10	North Dakota *	St. Peter, MN	W 7 - 2
Fri, Feb 16	Graceland	Hanscom Park	W 9 - 0
Sun, Feb 25	Minnesota Duluth *	Sioux Falls, SD	postponed
Sun, Feb 25	Augustana *	Sioux Falls, SD	postponed
Fri, Mar 2	Nebraska-Kearney	Hanscom Park	W 9-0
Sat, Mar 3	Emporia State	Hanscom Park	W 5-4
Fri, Mar 9	Minnesota State, Mankato *	Hanscom Park	6:00 p.m.
Fri, Mar 16	Northwest Missouri State	Hanscom Park	6:30 p.m.
Sat, Mar 24	Rockhurst	Hanscom Park	3:00 p.m.
Sun, Mar 25	Drake	Des Moines, IA	12:00 p.m.
Wed, Mar 28	Washburn	Koch Family Tennis Center	1:00 p.m.
Fri, Apr 6	Creighton	Koch Family Tennis Center	1:00 p.m.
Wed, Apr 11	Rockhurst	Kansas City, MO	4:00 p.m.
Sat, Apr 14	South Dakota *	Vermillion, SD	9:00 a.m.
Sat, Apr 14	St. Cloud State *	Vermillion, SD	1:00 p.m.
Fri, Apr 20	NCC Tournament	Hanscom Park	TBA
Sat, Apr 21	NCC Tournament	Hanscom Park	TBA

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Sophomore Pinar Saka and junior Karin Clarkson round the turn in the 400-meter finals at the NCC indoor championships. The Mavs captured their first team title in 26 years.

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Wed, Mar 21	Washburn	Topeka, KS	3:00 p.m.
Wed, Mar 21	Washburn	Topeka, KS	5:00 p.m.
Thu, Mar 22	Missouri Southern	Joplin, MO	1:00 p.m.
Thu, Mar 22	Missouri Southern	Joplin, MO	2:00 p.m.
Fri, Mar 23	Missouri Southern	Joplin, MO	10:00 a.m.
Tue, Mar 27	Emporia State	Omaha, NE	1:00 p.m.
Tue, Mar 27	Emporia State	Omaha, NE	3:00 p.m.
Tue, Apr 3	Washburn	Omaha, NE	1:00 p.m.
Tue, Apr 3	Washburn	Omaha, NE	3:00 p.m.
Fri, Apr 6	St. Cloud State *	Omaha, NE	12:00 p.m.
Fri, Apr 6	St. Cloud State *	Omaha, NE	2:00 p.m.
Sat, Apr 7	St. Cloud State *	Omaha, NE	12:00 p.m.
Sat, Apr 7	St. Cloud State *	Omaha, NE	2:00 p.m.
Mon, Apr 9	Winona State	Winona, MN	12:00 p.m.
Mon, Apr 9	Winona State	Winona, MN	2:00 p.m.
Sat, Apr 14	Minnesota Duluth *	Duluth, MN	1:00 p.m.
Sat, Apr 14	Minnesota Duluth *	Duluth, MN	3:00 p.m.
Sun, Apr 15	Minnesota Duluth *	Duluth, MN	1:00 p.m.
Sun, Apr 15	Minnesota Duluth *	Duluth, MN	3:00 p.m.
Wed, Apr 18	Missouri Western	Omaha, NE	1:00 p.m.
Wed, Apr 18	Missouri Western	Omaha, NE	3:00 p.m.
Sat, Apr 21	Augustana *	Sioux Falls, SD	1:00 p.m.
Sat, Apr 21	Augustana *	Sioux Falls, SD	3:00 p.m.
Sun, Apr 22	Augustana *	Omaha, NE	1:00 p.m.
Sun, Apr 22	Augustana *	Omaha, NE	3:00 p.m.
Tue, Apr 24	Nebraska-Kearney	Omaha, NE	1:00 p.m.
Tue, Apr 24	Nebraska-Kearney	Omaha, NE	3:00 p.m.
Wed, Apr 25	Missouri Western	St. Joseph, MO	3:00 p.m.
Wed, Apr 25	Missouri Western	St. Joseph, MO	5:00 p.m.
Sat, Apr 28	North Dakota *	Grand Forks, ND	1:00 p.m.
Sat, Apr 28	North Dakota *	Grand Forks, ND	3:00 p.m.
Sun, Apr 29	North Dakota *	Grand Forks, ND	1:00 p.m.
Sun, Apr 29	North Dakota *	Grand Forks, ND	3:00 p.m.
Fri, May 4	Minnesota State, Mankato *	Omaha, NE	12:00 p.m.
Fri, May 4	Minnesota State, Mankato *	Omaha, NE	2:00 p.m.
Sat, May 5	Minnesota State, Mankato *	Omaha, NE	12:00 p.m.
Sat, May 5	Minnesota State, Mankato *	Omaha, NE	2:00 p.m.
Thu, May 10	NCC Tournament	TBA	TBA
Fri, May 11	NCC Tournament	TBA	TBA
Sat, May 12	NCC Tournament	TBA	TBA
Thu, May 17	NCAA Regional Tournament	TBA	TBA
Fri, May 18	NCAA Regional Tournament	TBA	TBA
Sat, May 19	NCAA Regional Tournament	TBA	TBA
Thu, May 24	D-II College World Series	Montgomery, AL	TBA

Schedule of games following spring break.

* North Central Conference games

Softball Schedule

Wed, Mar 21	Emporia State	Claussen-Westgate	3:00 p.m.
Wed, Mar 21	Emporia State	Claussen-Westgate	5:00 p.m.
Thu, Mar 22	Northwest Missouri State	Maryville, MO	2:00 p.m.
Thu, Mar 22	Northwest Missouri State	Maryville, MO	4:00 p.m.
Sat, Mar 24	Missouri Southern	Joplin, Mo.	2:00 p.m.
Sat, Mar 24	Northeastern State (OK)	Joplin, Mo.	4:00 p.m.
Sun, Mar 25	Missouri Southern	Joplin, Mo.	12:00 p.m.
Sun, Mar 25	Northeastern State (OK)	Joplin, Mo.	2:00 p.m.
Tue, Mar 27	South Dakota *	Claussen-Westgate	2:00 p.m.
Tue, Mar 27	South Dakota *	Claussen-Westgate	4:00 p.m.
Wed, Mar 28	Nebraska-Kearney	Claussen-Westgate	2:00 p.m.
Wed, Mar 28	Nebraska-Kearney	Claussen-Westgate	4:00 p.m.
Sat, Mar 31	Pittsburg State - UNO Tournament	Dill Field	9:00 a.m.
Sat, Mar 31	Truman State - UNO Tournament	Dill Field	11:00 a.m.
Sat, Mar 31	Wayne State (Neb.) - UNO Tournament	Dill Field	3:00 p.m.
Sun, Apr 1	Washburn - UNO Tournament	Dill Field	9:00 a.m.
Sun, Apr 1	NW Missouri State - UNO Tournament	Dill Field	1:00 p.m.
Thu, Apr 5	Minnesota Duluth	Claussen-Westgate	12:00 p.m.
Thu, Apr 5	Minnesota Duluth *	Claussen-Westgate	2:00 p.m.
Fri, Apr 6	St. Cloud State *	Claussen-Westgate	12:00 p.m.
Fri, Apr 6	St. Cloud State *	Claussen-Westgate	2:00 p.m.
Tue, Apr 10	Augustana *	Sioux Falls, SD	3:00 p.m.
Tue, Apr 10	Augustana *	Sioux Falls, SD	5:00 p.m.
Thu, Apr 12	Wayne State (Neb.)	Claussen-Westgate	3:00 p.m.
Thu, Apr 12	Wayne State (Neb.)	Claussen-Westgate	5:00 p.m.
Sat, Apr 14	Concordia-Saint Paul - CSP Tournament	St. Paul, MN	9:00 a.m.
Sat, Apr 14	SW Minnesota State - CSP Tournament	St. Paul, MN	1:00 p.m.
Sat, Apr 14	Winona State - CSP Tournament	St. Paul, MN	3:00 p.m.
Sun, Apr 15	Upper Iowa - CSP Tournament	St. Paul, MN	9:00 a.m.
Sun, Apr 15	Minn. State-Moorhead - CSP Tournament	St. Paul, MN	11:00 a.m.
Tue, Apr 17	South Dakota *	Vermillion, SD	4:00 p.m.
Tue, Apr 17	South Dakota *	Vermillion, SD	6:00 p.m.
Fri, Apr 20	North Dakota	Grand Forks, ND	12:00 p.m.
Fri, Apr 20	North Dakota *	Grand Forks, ND	2:00 p.m.
Fri, Apr 27	Minnesota State, Mankato *	Mankato, MN	2:00 p.m.
Fri, Apr 27	Minnesota State, Mankato *	Mankato, MN	4:00 p.m.
Sat, Apr 28	North Dakota - MSUM Tournament	Mankato, MN	9:00 a.m.
Sat, Apr 28	Missouri Southern - MSUM Tournament	Mankato, MN	1:00 p.m.
Sat, Apr 28	Winona State - MSUM Tournament	Mankato, Minn.	3:00 p.m.
Sun, Apr 29	Upper Iowa - MSUM Tournament	Mankato, Minn.	10:00 a.m.
Sun, Apr 29	Concordia-Saint Paul - MSUM Tournament	Mankato, Minn.	12:00 p.m.
Fri, May 4	North Central Conference Tournament	Sioux Falls, SD	All Day
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Hearts & Hands book exhibit turns heads, pages at Criss Library

GARY HANKINS
STAFF WRITER

Books. UNO students see them everyday, maybe pay a little attention to them and, at the end of a semester, despise them. But there's more to a book than simply bound pages within a cover. For a select group of college students, books are much more -- they're a piece of artwork.

The UNO Criss Library is currently holding the Hearts and Hands2 exhibit. Hearts and Hands is a bi-annual book art exhibition featuring work from undergraduate and graduate students across the country. This is the second year for Hearts and Hands, the first being featured at the UNO art gallery two years ago. The exhibit was set up through a connection made by Bonnie O'Connell and Karen Kunc of UNL's printmaking department. Kunc is also a featured artist in this year's exhibition. The exhibit began at UNL in November, then made its way to the W. Dale Clark Library in January and will finish here at UNO on March 15.

Seventy students entered and 40 were selected by acting juror Tim

Ely. Nearly 50 percent of those who entered were selected by Ely.

"I always look for a core of substance in book work that speaks to what Richard Minsky refers to as a quality of bookness," he said.

"Ely wanted to show the cross-section of all types of books being made," said Marvel Maring, the humanities/fine arts reference librarian.

Maring said Ely looks



The Heart & Hands book exhibit showcases the best examples of books made by students in accredited academic institutions. The exhibit even includes works from UNO graduate Francis Osugi.

This book was printed by a girl, using intaglio and letterpress, to celebrate the group of printmakers who get a great deal of attention and respect at Ball State University and just happen to all be boys.

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for the content and craft of the book; for example, does it open and function appropriately for the content.

"People must understand how the book moves through space," she said. "It's something seemingly simple, yet extremely detailed. Students push the limits."

Maring said the exhibit deals with all facets of book art, ranging from historical, illustrations, sculptural books and even a book made entirely out of tree bark.

"All ranges of cultural boundaries are pressed," she said. "Some are editions while others might be one-of-a-kinds. One could be more of a sculpture, while another is a traditional codex."

Maring also said it gives UNO students a chance to learn what's really happening with book arts, a subject that they might not realize is on campus and offered as an area of

study.

"The book is a vessel for information, but it has so many other possibilities," said Maring. She added the downside to the exhibit is that you can't get personal with the books because they're under glass.

"I wish I could allow students to manipulate and make them their own," she said.

Maring reiterated that UNO has a strong tradition in book arts, dating back to when there was a letterpress shop in the library basement. Any students wanting to inquire further into the book arts should invest in a class or two to explore what all the school has to offer, Maring said.

Hearts and Hands 2 will be set up in the main entryway of the Criss Library until March 15. Be sure and stop by to experience the wonderful pieces on display and learn more about the art of books.



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Wakefield and his band played one of their many concerts at Heartland of America park in downtown Omaha.

CJ professor shares life lessons of music career that became hobby



CHARLEY REED
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Everyone has a hobby they couldn't do without. For UNO criminal justice Professor Bill Wakefield, it's music.

An Omaha native, Wakefield has been teaching at UNO since 1974. Wakefield is well-known around the university for service in his department, but what most students and even many faculty members don't know about Wakefield is he's also an accomplished musician.

Music was a gift from Wakefield's father, who was a drummer for a vaudeville act in the 1920s.

"When I was about 7 years old he used to take me on his particular playing jobs," Wakefield explained. "I sat on a little stool next to his drum set and would watch him play all night. And obviously I got [interested] and he started teaching me."

Wakefield eventually got professional lessons and followed the route of many childhood musicians, playing in the school band through high school and loaning his talents to Omaha bands playing shows around the city. But Wakefield's story took an unusual turn when he was 16.

"I was asked to try out for the Omaha Symphony," Wakefield said with a smile. "I tried out for them and I was the youngest member they had ever had."

The symphony provided a stable working environment for 15 years for Wakefield, but it also provided some brushes with greatness. One time, at the age of 22, Wakefield was asked to step in as a drummer for the quartet backing legendary country guitarist Chet Atkins.

"None of the symphony drummers had heard of him, but I had; I was young," Wakefield said. "We did a whole two-hour show with 80 musicians from the symphony, a quartet in the middle and little old Bill Wakefield sitting on the drums not knowing what the heck was going on. But we had a good time; it was a lot of fun."

Through his career Wakefield has met many notables, like Redd Foxx and even the Rolling Stones, but when Wakefield's music began to clash with his education he made the decision to forgo a musical career and go on to graduate-level studies at Omaha University.

"There were an awful lot of guys that I would talk with where we'd talk about the same kinds of topics; it was never really diverse," he explained. "I still had a need to learn more, and I noticed there were a lot of 55-year-old professors and businessmen and very few 55-year-old drummers making a living out of music."

While he chose academia over a life in music, Wakefield actually financed his education through both his master's and

doctorate programs by playing in the Omaha Symphony, as well as performing nightly shows and teaching drumming lessons to children.

When he graduated with his doctorate from South Dakota State, Wakefield came back to Omaha and took a job as a professor of criminal justice.

"I managed to keep the research and publication record that allowed me to get tenure and move up in my academic career," Wakefield explained. "And I knew this would probably happen at some point, that as my academic career became more demanding - publishing, researching, writing books, that kind of thing - that music would dwindle, if not in intensity, than in frequency."

But music never completely left Wakefield. Even as he moved up in his career he managed to find time to play the drums. Currently, he plays every month with friends in a party band. Chris Allen, a professor of communication at UNO who accompanies Wakefield on his trips to London, has seen his band play several times.

"It's actually a fun band to listen to," Allen said. "He probably makes light of it, but he's quite a serious musician. He's very good; the band is excellent, they are very tight. But that's not unusual with Bill."

Although Wakefield often wonders what would have happened if he made different choices, he doesn't regret his decision to stick with academia, especially in the winter months.

"In years gone by I would be out schlepping amplifiers, drums and everything to set up to play some place in blizzard-like conditions with the expectation that they would probably increase overnight," Wakefield said with a laugh. "Yeah, I don't miss those parts because there were a lot of them. I wouldn't trade them, but I'm just glad they're memories now."

His decision is not lost on Allen, who said that he can't see Wakefield doing anything other than teaching.

"It just seems to me that the music gives him a great diversion from teaching; I think it's a great hobby," Allen said. "I don't think there's anything Bill puts above students. He doesn't always sound like that when he's just in conversation, but I know it's true because I've been around him too much to believe otherwise."

While it was Wakefield's decision to become a teacher, he said that music is a strange business where opportunities are few and far between. He just advises student musicians to keep their options open and make sure they have something to fall back on.

"If the opportunity comes up I would go against all of my life and say grab it," Wakefield said. "You can go back to school, but in the meantime pursue that. Because I look back and maybe I should have taken more chances but I didn't, and I'd hate to see somebody not take that opportunity."

Wasting away again: The quest for Omaha's ultimate margarita

BRE GEHRKEN
STAFF WRITER

For those of you who read "The Quest for the Ultimate Burrito," what could possibly go better with your favorite blend of meat, beans, cheese and salsa than the best margarita in town? Yep, you guessed it - nothing.

Some of you might think that all margaritas are the same, but guess again. They are a delicate blend of tequila, triple sec and lime juice that can leave you with a horrible taste in your mouth and a hole in your wallet with one small mistake in measurement or liquor choice.

So who has the best mixture, price and atmosphere? To keep it simple, I went to four Mexican restaurants and ordered their house margarita on the rocks. Please, don't try this at home kids. After drinking four margaritas in three hours, things start to get a little crazy. So I set aside an afternoon and went on a noble yet drunken quest to find the perfect margarita.



photo by Bre Gehrken

Roja on 168th and Center had the best ambiance but not quite the best margarita in town.

Coming in last place was Señor Matias, located on 90th Street just north of Center. On first glance the place looks old and rundown. Upon entering, you notice your initial impression is correct. I sat down and ordered their cheapest house margarita, and that is exactly what I got. Señor Matias makes their house margaritas with Montezuma tequila, about as low in the tequila food chain as you can go. Not only was the tequila offensive, but there was also an overpowering salty taste that mingled with its limeade counterpart in a most disgusting fashion. However, they do have the second-cheapest margaritas at \$4.50. To top it all off, I was not impressed with the service and knew there was a better concoction out there.

The cheapest for the four restaurants was La Fonda's on 123rd and Center, which was enough to earn them third place in my quest. They charge \$3.95 for their house margarita and actually hand-pour them to order. Their choice of tequila is Jose Cuervo, a step up from Montezuma, in my

opinion. The margarita was too limey, and the Cuervo had a pungent, tangy flavor and made for an unsmooth mixture. Out of the four restaurants, La Fonda's had something going for it that the others did not - a really funky smell. I actually spent more time trying to figure out what two scents could have possibly come together to make such a distinctive and terrifying smell than not enjoying my margarita.

My second to best pick was Roja on 168th and Center. They have more than 80 tequilas to choose from and make their house margaritas with Pepe Lopez. The flavor was the best so far but still felt a little too tangy and it was the most expensive at \$4.99. The atmosphere was really modern and relaxed, but still lacked the authentic feel that I wanted. Roja also got points for excellent service and original presentation. Instead of using the same cactus glass I found at the other three restaurants, they did a plain glass that mixed well with the overall feel of the bar.

My quest concluded at 110th and Maple where I found the ultimate margarita hiding out at La Mesa. Despite the fact that their house margarita is the second most expensive at \$4.75, the taste blew the others out of the water. La Mesa uses Sauza tequila in their house margaritas, which makes for one smooth and tasty margarita. Their signature mix had the perfect hint of sweetness to counter the tanginess of the lime. They also had the most authentic atmosphere and was the only place to give me free chips and salsa with my drink.

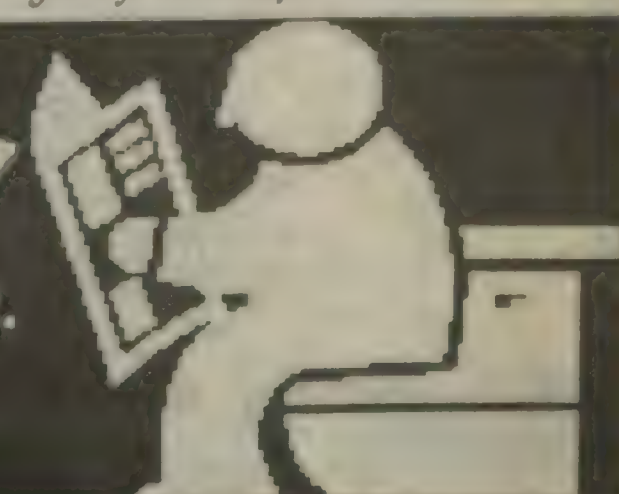
When my quest was over I needed some ibuprofen and a tall glass of water. Even though I couldn't see straight, the winner was clear and La Mesa defiantly rose above the competition. Roja was a close second, but lacked in over all mixture and authentic atmosphere. La Mesa had the total package and their free chips and salsa are the perfect compliment to the smooth taste of their Sauza margaritas.



photo by Bre Gehrken

La Mesa took home the gold and took the prize of being the "Ultimate Margarita." They even give you free chips and salsa!

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March: Wide wild Web of madness Mic's Karaoke bar provides avenue, stage for aspiring Omaha "Idols"



Eric Sobczak

March is probably the best month of the year. One word: spring. It's not hot, it's not cold; it's that grey area like *It's Pat*, except not creepy.

March's resume also includes spring break (excessive drinking encouraged) and St. Patrick's Day (excessive drinking enforced). But am I forgetting something? Oh yeah, the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament. March F'N Madness. But before we dive into that pool, there's a little spring cleaning to be done. The Wild Worthless Web is now making use of the Web site del.icio.us. Del.icio.us is a social bookmarking Web site, meaning you are able to have an online bookmarks folder accessible to anyone with an Internet connection. What is also cool about del.icio.us is the "tagging" feature. You can "tag" your bookmarks with keywords for your own personal organization and you can also see bookmarks other people tagged with the same name since they might be of interest to you.

Every Web site previously mentioned in this column is now bookmarked at del.icio.us/wwwuno. For organizational purposes, I have tagged the bookmarks with the date that column ran. You will see the tags at the right of the page.

To the madness

With CBSsportsline.com's March

Madness on Demand you can watch up to 56 games from the first three rounds on your computer for FREE. You're going to want to sign up before March 15 to ensure your VIP status, which means you'll get faster access to the game of your choice. Set your computer monitor near your TV for the "sports bar in your house" viewing experience.

Espn360.com is offering something similar to what CBSsportsline is doing; however, it is just for championship week. You can view real-time player stats and play-by-play. Since most of these games are going to be (or are, or have been) on the ESPN networks anyway, I'm not sure how great this is going to be.

Facebook.com brought back their free tournament pools this year. You fill out one bracket that is eligible for the facebook global tournament as well as any user-created pool you join. The winner of the global tournament gets \$25,000. Talking trash and making outlandish claims on Facebook walls about teams no one really knows or cares about is just an added bonus.

A story: It's not all fun and games

In 2001, one of said teams was the 15-seed Hampton Pirates. In their first tournament appearance ever they had to square off against the second-seeded Iowa State Cyclones, an Elite Eight team the year before. I was in Lincoln for State DECA at the time. After the night's activity (a hypnotist or comedian or a dance, can't remember) I walked to my buddy Adam's room to see the score of the Iowa State-Hampton game. Adam is an Iowa State fan. Of course, Iowa

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ASHLEE SCHUETTE
STAFF WRITER

There are three types of people when it comes to karaoke.

First are those who love it. The ones the DJ calls by name every Thursday night.

Then there are those who don't really care one way or another. These people show up in large groups to participate in the fun only to avoid being drug up on stage by someone who 'accidentally' slipped their name to the DJ.

Finally, those who hate it. Hearing drunk people stumble to the stage, while trying to sing out-of-tune karaoke, isn't their idea of a fun-filled evening. If they have to listen to another person mutilate *Grease's* "Summer Nights," they just might scream.

Many UNO students fall into one of these three categories or are somewhat of a combination.

"I will listen to karaoke as long as the singer is good," said Pat Zimmer, an economics. "But I don't particularly

enjoy listening to drunk people scream out of tune."

Michael Healy, an English major, said, "It's definitely fun, but that usually depends on how many drinks you've had. Generally I'll get up and sing, drunk or not."

In Omaha, a good chunk of bars have karaoke, but there seems to be only one that devotes itself solely to the art. Mic's, near 120th and Pacific, is that bar. Mic's offers karaoke Tuesday through Saturday and provides the option of holding private karaoke parties on Sundays and Mondays.

Mic's boasts cheap drinks, including dollar draws, on the popular college nights: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Besides the cheap drinks, college students are drawn to Mic's superior sound system and its impressive variety of songs.

"We're a karaoke bar first," said Stacy Morse, who owns the bar with her husband Reece. "We've got a stage

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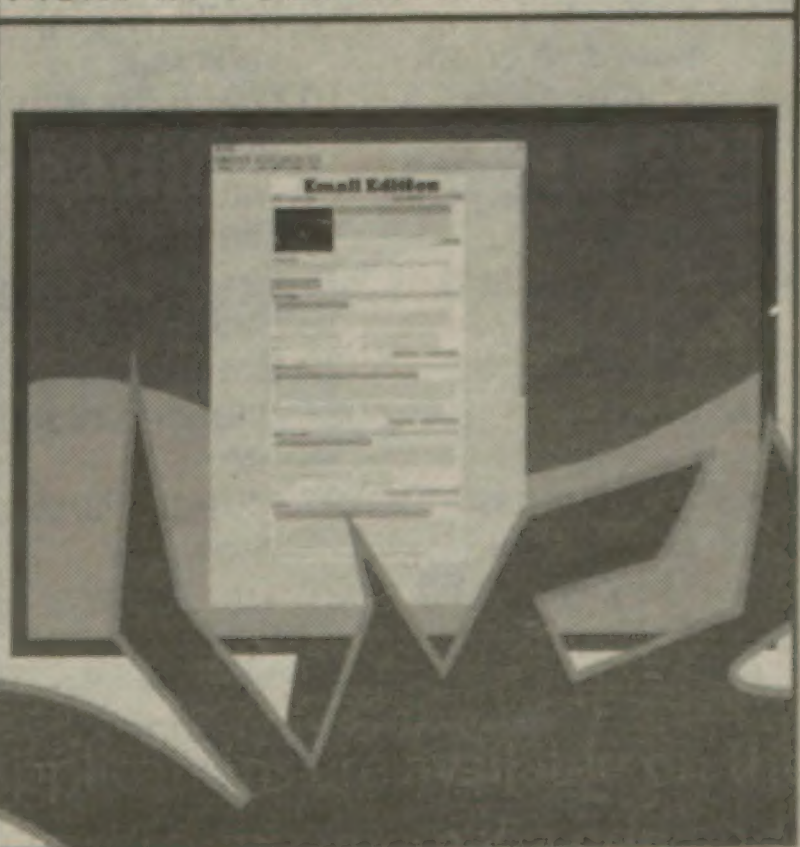
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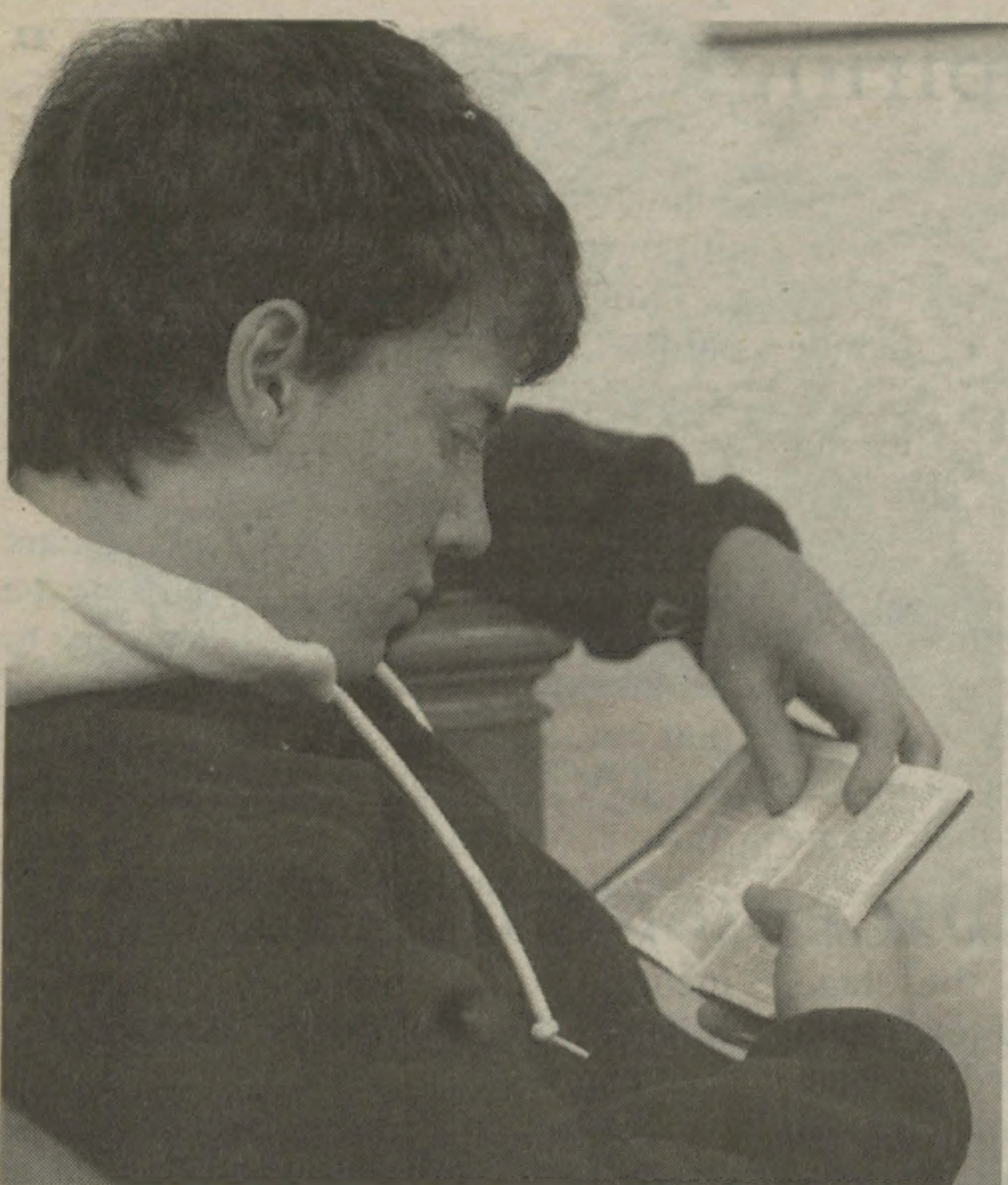
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Jonathan Rodick follows along in his Bible as a member of Beta Upsilon Chi reads aloud during a meeting on Jan. 28.

in 1985 "by a handful of Christian men who desired an alternative to the present fraternal lifestyle," according to its Web site, utbyx.moonfruit.com. BYX is the largest Christian fraternity in the U.S. with 18 chapters, 11 of which are in Texas.

In the summer of 2005, after his freshman year at Mizzou, Andrew Guthrie was a counselor at a Christian camp in his home state of Texas. Some of the other counselors were BYX brothers at Texas schools and when Guthrie returned to Columbia in the fall he contacted the fraternity's national office to see what it would take to start a BYX chapter at the university.

In order to start a new chapter, Guthrie and a few Christian friends went through four phases of an assessment process designed by the national office to ensure the students were BYX quality. The assessment included answering a number of "character questions" on videotape, said Guthrie. "They'd have us talk about our faith, who you are, what you believe."

After a visit to the campus by officers of the national office, the Mizzou chapter was approved by the national board in April as the newest BYX chapter. The fraternity then applied to the university's Organization Resource Group, which manages the school's 480 student groups, to request status as an official student organization.

That status allows student groups to apply for funding generated by student activity fees, which all students pay. In the 2006-07 academic year that money totaled \$323,000.

The Organization Resource Group does not fund "social" fraternities and sororities. But according to Janna Basler, director of greek life at Mizzou, BYX is not a member of the Interfraternity Council, the governing body of all member fraternities, and therefore is eligible for university funding.

All this is important because church-state watchdog groups say that if a public university funds a religious group, it could be violating the establishment clause of the First Amendment, part of which says that government cannot endorse religion. But the same sentence says Americans are free to exercise their beliefs. A university's challenge is to find the appropriate balance.

All student groups in the

University of Missouri system are required to include the language of the university's nondiscrimination policy in its bylaws. According to that policy, the university does not discriminate "relative to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability or status as a Vietnam-era veteran."

In December the university discovered BYX had not included the nondiscrimination language in its bylaws, according to Christian Basi, a university spokesman. School officials sent Guthrie a letter asking the fraternity to add the nondiscrimination language.

In return the university received a letter from the Christian Legal Society asking the school to reexamine its nondiscrimination policy and exempt BYX from the policy's ban on religious discrimination, said Basi.

An attorney for the Christian Legal Society did not return calls for comment.

University attorneys reviewed the school's policy and materials submitted by BYX's lawyers and decided it "would not require BYX to adopt the nondiscrimination policy with respect to religion as a condition for maintaining recognition as a student organization," said Basi.

The reason? "Because our own policy states that it should not be interpreted to violate the legal rights of religious organizations."

Neil M. Richards, a professor of constitutional law at Washington University Law School, called Christian fraternities at state universities "a complicated issue."

"This is the right to associate with like-minded people versus rights of equal access," he said. "But universities, for better or for worse, allow fraternities and sororities to discriminate."

Similar Christian fraternity issues have recently challenged officials at other state schools, such as the University of North Carolina and the University of Georgia.

Historically African-American or Jewish or Latino fraternities and sororities have not faced the same challenges as the new breed of evangelical Christian because they don't restrict membership. Ruby Alvarado Hernandez, chair of the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations, said many of the 23 fraternities and sororities that are members of her organization have, due to their open membership, expanded beyond their historic Hispanic origins, and have become centers of multi-cultural campus life.

"Private organizations are granted considerable free reign on how they identify themselves and how they establish membership criteria," said Betty A. DeBerg, a professor of religion at the University of Northern Iowa and co-author of *Religion on Campus*. "In the last decade the Supreme Court has leaned more and more on the free exercise clause. It is very careful to make sure no one's religious expression is infringed upon."

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emergency senate session at 6:30 p.m. on March 8 so senators could approve student fee allocations before spring break.

Some students and faculty members also had difficulty making it to campus Friday, although the university was open.

Graduate geography student Justin Pence was studying at the Criss Library on Friday afternoon, but said, "I was surprised I could even get out this morning." Pence said he had spent his snow day sleeping, because "there's not much you could do."

Junior Natasha Warner agreed with Pence.

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Facebook.com groups and not officially recognized student groups.

"But if they become an actual group, the special topics chair, whose committee oversees all the bylaws of the student groups on campus, we'll kind of have a little bit of oversight over [them]," said Schaefer.

Schaefer said the highlighted tactics, if sponsored by official student groups, would not necessarily be prohibited, but would be closely watched.

The Adrian Society, a group on Facebook.com, received key input from Ellen Hathaway, the campus services coordinator for the Campus Leadership Program, said Chantel Regier, the group's founder.

"She helped me do some recruiting, narrowing the mission and purpose of what we're doing," said Regier. According to the group's Facebook.com description, it is "a pro-life group, in honor of [Regier's] brother, in support of life for everyone from conception to death."

Regier said her brother, Adrian, was paralyzed in a football accident 10 years

"Yesterday was my day off," Warner said. "I caught up on my sleep."

Freshman Tyrunza Williamson said she did go out Thursday, after sleeping in that morning.

"I went and spent time with two of my best friends," Williamson said.

Fortunately, as spring break approaches, the weather is supposed to improve.

Temperatures reached the 40s Sunday, and highs are expected to hover in the 30s and 40s all week, according to the Weather Channel. Temperatures are then expected to rise, with highs in the 50s by the start of spring break.

ago.

The group, while hoping to expand their message, doesn't plan on becoming an official student organization.

"I don't think we will because so many groups in the university fizzle out. It would be nice to be recognized by the university but [it's] not the ultimate goal," said Regier. "I think that I would prefer to work closely with other conservative groups and liberal in close connection to plan events."

Regier said she crossed paths on campus with Hathaway, which was the beginning of their work together. But even if they had not met, Regier said she "definitely would have gotten something going without her help."

Cody Farrens, president of the UNO College Democrats, thinks that Regier would have been successful and that the political climate at UNO is comparable to that of UNL.

"If it could take hold there, it could do so here," said Farrens. "UNO is probably fairly split. College is a time to open your mind to what politics really are."

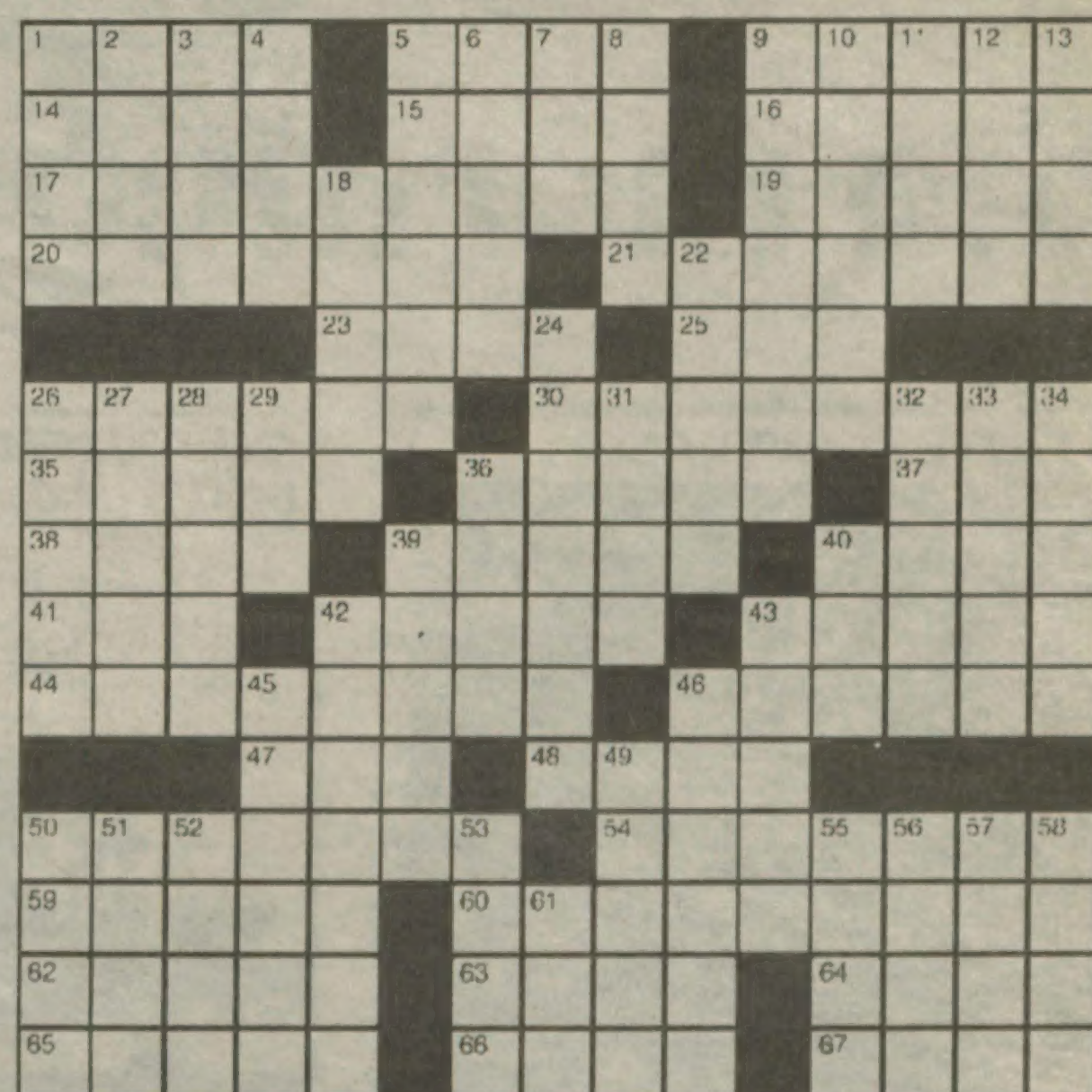
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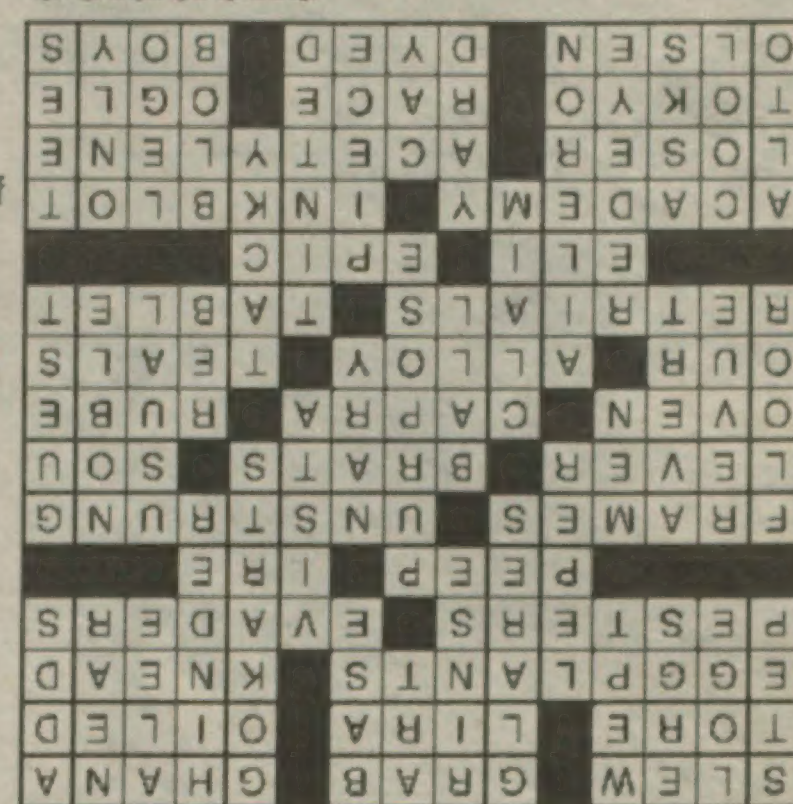
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Format Wars: The battle for the way you watch movies wages on

As Far As I'm Concerned



Matthew Lytle

Since before the Christmas season, a war has been waged, a war for the way you watch movies at home. Many of us know of the DVD, perhaps the main standard

we're all used to. But many may not know of the two new combatants, each one backed by some of the biggest technology corporations, trying to unseat the reigning DVD and become the new way you watch movies.

The two new formats are the Blu-Ray format, sponsored by Sony, and the HD-DVD format, which is sponsored by such companies as Microsoft and Intel. The major difference between these two formats and the standard DVD is, in essence, better quality and higher capacity, with the Blu-Ray besting the HD-DVD in a head-to-head.

But after doing some research of my own, I have come to think that neither one will be successful in defeating the DVD as is. I've also concluded that the first of the two to lower the prices for the consumer will be the winner.

Why would I say such things? Time for a little digital homework. Head on over to the Best Buy Web site, bestbuy.com, and look in the "DVD Players" section. There, you'll also find prices for Blu-Ray and HD-DVD players as well. According to the Web site, the cheapest DVD player is \$28. The cheapest Blu-Ray player: \$800. The cheapest HD-DVD player: \$500. Wow, for one of these players, I could buy 17 DVD players and have enough left over to buy a DVD.

Speaking of buying DVDs, the prices for movies in these new formats are also more likened for those with expensive tastes. When I went over to the local Best Buy last week for some field research, on the shelf were copies of the Michael Douglas film *The Sentinel* in DVD and Blu-Ray formats, priced \$20 and \$35 respectively. Gee, I get the same movie with better quality for a 75 percent higher price. No thanks; I'll stick with the regular version.

But before stand-alone players came out, the only actual way that you could watch these movies were through the gaming consoles put forth by each format's sponsors. In this case, Blu-Rays played on Sony's Playstation 3 and HD-DVDs on Microsoft's X-box 360. For the record, each console costs \$600 and \$300, respectively.

Looking at those prices, compared to the stand-alones, and one might think, "Why not just buy one of these consoles and watch them from there?" Well, normally, you don't buy a game console to watch movies, do you? And I wouldn't want the game consoles anyway. The controllers for them have so many buttons; I'm reminded of a quote from comedian Larry the Cable Guy: "Why don't they just make a button that says 'Pass'?"

To be fair, at least to the Blu-Ray, the quality is much improved compared to the DVD and the HD-DVD, but in truth, the only way to unlock such high quality is through a high-definition television set, and last time I checked, not everyone has one.

The bottom line: As the Format Wars rage on, I seriously doubt that either the Blu-Ray or the HD-DVD can topple the DVD as the format that we watch movies on. With players that cost 17 to 28 times standard DVD players, movies that almost cost double and quality that can only truly be unlocked with the full high-definition experience, about the only thing that can give either one a major advantage is major price cuts on the player. That would give the DVD a run for it's money.

LB 192 offers next step in building an Advanced Placement culture

Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

My high school in Bellevue did a decent job of providing challenging, interesting curriculum for much of my education. At least

they did as well as one can reasonably hope for from a public high school in the post-"No Child Left Behind" era of secondary education.

Unfortunately, the truth is that much of the curriculum at even an arguably good school like Bellevue East was still dull, uninteresting and plain repetitious. Slower classes became study halls for a lot of students. Often, the goal was to not have to bother taking schoolwork home.

About the only escape from these slow classes were the honors, Advance Placement and other special courses offered at the school, such as the Cisco Systems' computer networking certification course. Among these, the most challenging and beneficial courses were, by far, those taught to prepare students to take the AP exams, which gives students who score well enough college credit at most institutions, including UNO.

The AP program is administered by Educational Testing Services, the same folks who put together the SAT, GRE and CLEP exams. They offer 37 course exams, ranging from calculus and the Latin of Virgil's *Aeneid*, to macroeconomics and studio art.

According to a recent press release, 14.8 percent of U.S. public school graduates earned an AP exam grade of 3 or higher, typically the minimum score to earn credit at many institutions. In Nebraska 2,754 students took an exam in 2005, and the number of low-income students in the program has been steadily improving in recent years, although it experienced a slight dip in 2005.

Success on the AP exams has become a serious goal for many high school students nationally, and there have even been reports questioning if high-caliber students might take the program too seriously. No one questions that these courses raise the level of academic rigor from the traditional high school level, though.

I think in order to remain competitive in the modern world, it's essential that we as a country raise the quality of our educational system.

One of the best ways to jumpstart this process is by encouraging schools to begin or expand their AP course offerings, so that the upper bound on what students can learn, if they apply themselves, increases.

After that, we can concentrate efforts on raising the graduation standards and making sure that we are not

simply allowing students to "earn" a high school diploma by merely not dropping out of school. As these standards increase, so too will entry requirements for colleges, and so the quality of our universities will eventually be improved.

That is why the impetus for these reforms needs to come from the university level, from institutions like the University of Nebraska, as well as governmental and private initiatives.

NU has already taken some good first steps to develop an "AP culture" in Nebraska, fostering these more challenging courses and encouraging students who might otherwise remain bored with school to continue on to college.

Students, like me, can walk into NU campuses already having earned several credit hours from successfully passing their AP exams or other dual-enrollment programs. These can fulfill general education requirements, get you out of freshman composition classes and even get you a head start on work within your major.

In particular UNO offers its PreK-16 Initiative, which was approved by the Board of Regents last November and allows students to earn credit for having success in college-level courses in their high schools. It does away with some of the problems of the exam-centric AP program while keeping the advantageous parts of the program.

With all that the University of Nebraska is doing to create what the PreK-16 Initiative Coordinator Steve Bullock and others have called an "AP culture," the time is right for the Nebraska Legislature to step in and give the process another helping hand.

Fortunately, thanks to the impact of the recent blizzard on the Unicameral's legislative agenda, Nebraska senators will get a chance to do just that.

Legislative Bill 192 was given first-round approval by the Unicam on Thursday, supporting an effort to dissolve an under-utilized fund-matching scholarship program. In its place, LB 192 would put a program that would give about 250 low-income high school students the opportunity to pay for AP or other college-credit courses.

Nebraska senators should seize this opportunity created by the blizzard, which resulted in the delay of several larger proposals for fear of the impact that 15 missing representatives would have in a close vote. They should make sure that LB 192 gets back on the agenda this legislative session and pass the bill.

With any luck, LB 192's success would provide even more reason for more schools to expand their AP or college-level course offerings, which itself would be a success, let alone the good it would do for low-income students who aspire to earning a college degree.

LB 192 is the next logical step in building an AP culture and continuing the improvement of our state's educational system, and it would be a shame to risk missing that step and suffering the inevitable fall that would occur.



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photo by Michelle Bishop

Freshman Nick Fanto celebrates his second goal in the Mavericks' 7-5 win Saturday night. Fanto helped the Mavs keep pace with BGSU's James Unger, who had a CCHA tournament-record four goals in a single period.

Saturday night as the first period saw Parse leave the game with a leg injury and the Falcons' Unger put home a CCHA tournament-record four goals in a single frame.

But, as it has of late, adversity brought out the best in the UNO squad and they used a solid team effort to keep up with Unger's prolific outburst and eventually overtake the upset-minded Falcons.

The Mavericks relied on freshmen Eddie Del Grosso and Nick Fanto to keep them in the game early.

In between Unger's first two goals, Del Grosso put the Mavs on the board by faking his defender to the ice and snapping a wrist past Spratt. Then, with BGSU up 2-1, Fanto gave the Mavericks their first lead of the game with back-to-back goals 45 seconds apart.

Unger wasn't done, though, as he beat UNO goalie Dupont two more times to give Bowling Green a 4-3 edge heading into the second period.

With Dupont struggling, Kemp put sophomore Jerad Kaufman in the net to try to stop the Falcon onslaught.

Kaufman responded by holding BGSU to just one goal over the remainder of the game. Junior Brandon Scero sparked the Mav offense with three straight goals, including the game-winner at 10:57 of the third period, completing the hat trick.

Freshman Mark Bernier gave UNO an insurance goal just over a minute later to make the final tally 7-5 and send 5,957 Maverick diehards home with good feelings for the series to come.

One troubling question mark for the Mavs was Parse's status, but Kemp said the injury seemed to be minor and he expected the senior All-American to be back in practice on Monday. Sophomore Dan Charleston, who was injured in Friday's game, was likewise expected to bounce back quickly.

All the more reason to be thankful for that bonus bit of time off.

"It's good they're behind us, got it done in two, we get an extra day of rest now but our focus right now is on Michigan State," said Scero. "We played well against them this year and it should be a good series."

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State had won, right? There was no question. This was a team that could win it all. Adam surely wanted that. He's a Iowa State fan and a Cubs fan. He needed it.

We turned on the TV, already tuned to ESPN. Standing, we waited for the picture to fade in. SportsCenter was showing highlights of the day's games. The ticker at the bottom was scrolling scores. That's when I saw it: Iowa St. 57, Hampton 58. My eyes were lying to me. The ticker guy must have made a mistake. "Uh, I think Iowa State lost," I said, confused. Shocked, Adam inched closer to the TV. "What? No. It can't be," he said confused with denial. And then ESPN started showing highlights of the game. Rigid and completely focused on the TV, Adam stood in

shock and terror. He took off his hat and threw it to the ground in rage. A 100 percent authentic hat throw, no joking or irony involved. He was silent until the highlights ended, at which point he shouted the words: "DAMN HAMPTON!" I was scared. I left. No one talked to him for the rest of the night. Emotional sports losses are why "alone time" was invented.

Here are the last 10 seconds from that game: youtube.com/watch?v=MuvShnca1xM

I hope the bracket gods will be kind to you and you won't have to go through heartbreak like that (or if you're a KU fan, you won't have to go through that for the third year in a row). Good luck to everyone's team, and good luck in your pools. Just don't pee in them.

From **MIC'S KARAOKE**: Page 17

for people and we even record the performances so people can watch."

As for the most popular songs? "We play just about everything from country to heavy metal to rock to show tunes and even top 40," Morse said.

Every Wednesday night, Mic's holds a karaoke contest where two fortunate qualifiers are selected. The winner is chosen by best applause. Winners get a private party and a free keg of beer.

Yes, a free keg of beer.

If you're new to the karaoke scene, bring some friends with you down to Mic's and give it a shot. You just might surprise yourself and be the new

"American Idol" of Omaha's karaoke scene.

Other Karaoke Bars

This list includes bars with karaoke on these specific nights:

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Tuesday: Mixxers, The Rox

Wednesday: Fox and the Hound

Thursday: Shark Club

Friday: Billy Goat's Tavern, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cougar Lanes, Fort Crook Billiards (Bellevue), Sammy Sortinos

Saturday: Clancy's East, Tiki Time (Beaver Lake)

Sunday: Eli's, Mustang Sally's

Diverse decor



The Milo Bail Student Center sports a new decor of various flags from around the world for February's diversity celebration as students eat in the Maverick Buffet.

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